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Kuwaiti emir praises U.N. stand

KUWAIT (R) — The emir of Kuwait, current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) praised the U.N. General Assembly Saturday for shifting its debate on Palestine to Geneva. Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah told the opening session of an Islamic jurisprudence conference that Washington's decision to deny Palestine University Companisation (National Vaccation of the Machine Companisation of the Machine Companisation (National Vaccation of the Machine Companisation (National Vaccation of the Machine Companisation (National Vaccation of the Machine Companisation of the Organisation of Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat a visa to speak at U.N. headquarters in New York was biased. "We salute the United Nations and the General Assembly for their just support for Palestinian rights and their decision that the Palestinian word be delivered at the European headquarters in Geneva," he said. Religious scholars from the OIC's 46 member states are meeting under the aegis of the Jeddoh-based Islamic Figh (Jurisprudence) Academy to discuss ethical issues facing Islam. They will discuss moral rights and the ethics of family planning, lease-back arrangements, real estate financing and traders' profits, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported. "Islamic thought faces great challenges from the discoveries and programmes of modern science and the Islamic community is seeking, especially young people, the views of religious scholars on these issues." Sheikh Jaber said.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Ghali: Israel undermines peace efforts

nguez pu d poi alte ar-old Ro CAIRO (AP) - An Egyptian cabinet minister Saturday said Israel's latest raid into Lebanon undermines Middle East peace efforts and encourages extremism. Butros Ghali, minister of state for foreign aled it in the commented to reporters about Friday's attack by Israeli ground, air scape from commented to reporters about Friday's attack by Israeli ground, air scape (mg) and sea forces on Palestinian positions deep inside Lebanon (See page alure to an and sea forces on ratestuman positions of the hope for peace, opens the man 2), "In mounting the attack, Israel strikes at the hope for peace, opens the man and obstructs the overlies the way for escalation of violence and extremism and obstructs peacemaking efforts," Ghali said. "Israel must withdraw its forces to the international border with Lebanon and respond to the call for peace and coexistence for the benefit of all peoples of the region."

Two Kuwaiti brothers and sister go on trial

aid Sto k KUWAIT (AP) — The state security court Saturday began the trial of he may two Kuwaiti brothers and their sister charged with illegal possession of m. The explosive material. The defendants are Abdel Amir Saleh Mousa aught h. Hussein Al Attar, 37, his brother Maher, 26, and his sister, Laila, 28. 38 at $h_{\rm h}$. The three defendants also have been accused of concealing informa-Yion Raise tion from the authorities by failing to report the death of two family Treasure members killed when a bomb-laden car they were riding exploded last ising x_d . July. The court adjourned until next Saturday at the request of the A bure defence.

n. 0 Cuba ready to sign Angola agreement

INI. has a HAVANA (R) — Cuba restated Friday its readiness to sign a peace protocol on Angola and Namibia, and blamed delays on a "lack of seriousness" from South Africa. "We are ready to sign now. But we said ϕ_{0i} On occur seriousness" from South Africa. We are ready to mean now. Deputy uldn't sale Foreign Minister Ricardo Alarcon said. Alarcon headed the Cuban a now. a new meeting last weekend in the Congolese capital, thoff sale Brazzaville, where hopes of signing a long-awaited peace protocol covering Cuban withdrawal from Angola and independence for South Year with African-ruled Namibia were dashed by a hasty South African 11.3 per departure. The meeting is expected to resume Monday.

णाः 🚾 Sudanese troops kill 26 Chadians

properate, KHARTOUM (R) — Sudanese troops killed 26 armed members of a in Hessii Chadian opposition group and captured 11 during week-long clashes of the prin Darfur in western Sudan, Darfur's governor said Saturday. Al St for Sie Tigani Al Sisi told reporters the troops seized trucks and arms from the men of the National Salvation Front during fighting in several areas. The rest of the 250-strong band later fled back into Chad, he said. Darfur has been plagued for years by tribal rivalries and intermittent spillovers from Chad's long-running civil strife and its

Joint mission to Mars advocated for

TURING WASHINGTON (AP) - Astronomer-author Carl Sagan says the oblems a expedition to Mars for stability on Earth in the 21st century. "It's not line with a question of, if we don't join, it won't happen. It's going to happen. er her por The human species... is going to go to Mars," Sagan told a George or, who E Washington University symposium on space exploration. "It is rather fight as clear that eventually the Soviets will go with us or without us and also mised t that if the U.S. does not wish to join the Soviets — or if it does — other gie Half nations, in Europe, Japan, perhaps China and India will join." So the She's he question is "will the U.S. be involved?" Sagan told the Friday evening her has gathering. Experts of the two countries have been discussing the Soviet vlor s ps. proposal.

Նամ բ Dubcek says he was under house arrest

as a PRAGUE (AP) — Ousted Communit Party leader Alexander Dubcek hospia says he was under house arrest Friday, when French President ompress François Mitterrand visited Dubcek's home town of Bratislava. humber " Dubcek told Western reporters that police cars kept circling his home eased 5° and that he could not leave his villa on the hills overlooking the centre ks of # of Bratislava. On Saturday, Dubcek's wife Anna told reporters by telephone that the police had gone and that her husband has been able to leave the house. It was the first time that Dubcek had been kept under such close watch since April 1987, when Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev visited Czechoslovakia and blanket police surveillance

SIMAS of Dubcek was abruptly lifted. 🔞 🐠 Banker arrested in Greek scandal

ATHENS (AP) — The deputy chairman of the Bank of Crete was arrested Saturday and charged with complicity in a multimillion this k dollar scandal that has rocked the Socialist government. Panayotis Vakalis, 46, was arrested as he left his suburban Athens home and was taken to security police headquarters, said a police spokesman. Vakalis was detained after a magistrate investigating the case issued a warrant for his arrest. An arraignment is set for Monday, the spokesman said. Vakalis is accused of complicity in a 45-billiondrachma (\$300-million) fraud, forgery and embezzlement case involving the Bank of Crete's fugitive chairman.

👊 🤔 Walesa, Sakharov meet in France

experi PARIS (R) — Poland's Solidarity leader Lech Walesa and Soviet or post human rights activist Andrei Sakharov met Saturday for the first time ahead of celebrations marking the 40th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The two men, both winners of the Nobel Peace Prize, met early Saturday at their hotel on the outskirts of Paris, Walesa's top adviser, Bronislaw Geremek, told reporters. A Be Spokeswoman for the banned Polish trade union said the two men nt spent half an hour talking in Walesa's hotel but broke up early as Walesa had an appointment with French Prime Minister Michel Rocard. "They very much hope to get together again this weekend to Kens continue their discussions," the spokeswoman said.

Trefaarne visits Bahrain

BAHRAIN (R) - A British junior defence minister has arrived in Bahrain on a one-day official visit, a British embassy spokesman said Saturday. He said Lord Trefgarne had met Emir Sheikh Isa Ibn Sulman Al Khalifa and was to hold talks with the crown prince and commander-in-chief of the defence force, Sheikh Hamad Ibn isa Al Khalifa. The spokesman termed the visit by Britain's minister of state for defence as routine. Lord Trefgarne was due to leave for Thailand Saturday night. He arrived here from Jordan.

Fadiallah: Hostages' issue frozen

BEIRUT (AP) - An influential Shi'ite cleric said in a magazine interview published Saturday the question of foreign hostages held in Lebanon "is now in the fridge." Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadhallah, spiritual guide of the Iranian-backed Hizbollah said: "The question (of the hostages) is now in the fridge, pending the completion of backstage probes that could influence the issue." Fadiallah, who spoke in an interview with the Al Nahar Arab and International weekly, did not elaborate. Hizbollah is believed to be the umbrella for factions holding most of the 16 foreign hostages. In a separate report, the same magazine said Hizbollah had threatened to kill some of the bostages to stop attacks on its positions in west and south Beirut by the rival Amal militia last month. Al Nahar Arab and International is based in east Beirut. None of its previous reports about the hostages proved accurate.

Crown Prince: Security Council accountable for 242 and 338

By Salameh B. Ne'matt **Jordan Times Economics** Correspondent

AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has urged the United Nations Security Council to find a mechanism to "operationalise" Resolutions 242 and 338 towards achieving a settlement of the Arab-Israeli con-

The Crown Prince said the Arab side and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) "must ask in very direct terms" for an accounting of the Security Council's implementation of the withdrawal Resolution (242) and Resolution (338) calling for an international peace conference on the Middle East.

In a recent interview with the Jordan Times, Prince Hassan said the fate of the proposed confer-

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

(Agencies) - Israeli troops shot

and killed two Palestinians Satur-

day, including a 16-year-old boy

who allegedly hurled a firebomb

at soldiers in occupied Gaza City

and an Arab prisoner who

allegedly attacked a guard with a

At least another 17 Palestinians

were shot and wounded in the

occupied areas, hospital officials

The 16-year-old Gaza City boy,

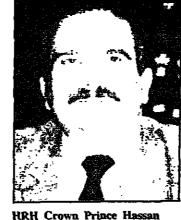
Hosni Abu Sido, was one of a

group of teenagers who allegedly

threw gasoline-filled bottles at a

ity Sanırday mornine, iust

homemade knife.



Security Council members have

to say today, twenty years after 242, on how they see an implementation of these resolutions. "It is all very well for Security Council government officials to

2 Palestinians killed,

the army said.

spokesman said.

Ansar II

17 shot and wounded

their homes, the army said.

The prisoner who was killed,

20-year-old Abdallah Abu

Mahruka, allegedly tried to stab a

guard with a makeshift knife

while he and fellow inmates in the

Ansar II detention camp were

taken out on a daily walk. A second guard shot and killed him,

Abu Mahruka was serving an

18-month sentence for preparing

molotov cocktails, the army

International relief workers

said they saw ambulances and

army vehicles entering and leav-

say 'we need a clear acceptance of to be some form of a U.N. lid on 242 and 338, but it is also the right of Palestinians to ask what does that clear acceptance entail in terms of the responsibilities of

the Security Council."
Pricae Hassan warned against a continuous emphasis by the Israeli and international media on the need to find "alternative interlocutors in the context of the occupied territories." He said such an emphasis was designed to dilute the thrust of the Palestinian uprising from that of achieving an end to the Israeli occupation into some form of a discussion between the Israeli body politic and sectors of Palestinian opinion." He noted that such an approach would force most Palestinians to adopt externist

positions. He maintained that there was a conviction among Israelis and

number of Palestinians killed in

the year-old anti-Israeli revolt to

At 11 a.m., Gaza City

storekeepers closed shop and

traffic stood still for five minutes

of silence in memory of the

Palestinians killed in the uprising.

A Palestinian journalist said

ooting in the air and

soldiers positioned on rooftops

which began Dec. 8, 1987.

started

al, near Tulkarem.

the potential of further violence in the region."

Furthermore, he warned that Israel may seek to exploit regional conflicts to serve as suitable diversions from what happens in the occupied territories. He cited provocative Israeli acts in Lebanon as an example.

Asked about Jordan's relations with the PLO, the Crown Prince said that as these relations develop, it was very important to bear in mind that the Kingdom's decision to disengage from the West Bank "was basically taken to put the Palestinian issue once again at the front burner."

Jordan's role

He stressed that Jordan's regional role was not diminished

(Continued on page 2)

PLO: No more to give until Palestinians reported clashes with the army in the West Bank towns of Ramallah and Kufr Jamothers Saturday's deaths raised the

respond

TUNIS (Agencies) — The Palestinian movement has made all the concessions it can and it is now the turn of the other parties, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) foreign affairs spokesman, Farouk Kaddoumi. said in an interview published Saturday.

"From our side there's nothing more to give. The Palestine National Council (PNC) has already shown its flexibility and it is now up to the other parties to give something." he told the Tunisian weekly newspaper Al

He had been asked whether PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat would announce anything new in his speech to the U.N. General Assembly in Geneva Tuesday.

Kaddoumi said that if the other parties, a reference to Israel and the United States, did not move "they will bear full responsibility for obstructing the peace process."

He ruled out any halt to the intifada in the Israeli-occupied territories.

"The intifada will continue and should not stop and it is not something to be bargained away. In Geneva we will reaffirm the national objectives of the Palestinian people and that it will continue the armed struggle," Kad-

doumi said. In London, a senior Arafat aide said Saturday that the United States and the European Economic Community had a moral duty to put pressure on Israel to negotiate a settlement in the Mid-

dle East. Bassam Abu Sharif, Arafat's political adviser, had talks on Friday with British Foreign Minister William Waldegrave, in which he reaffirmed the PLO's acceptance of Israel's right to exist and renounced violence and terrorism.

The meeting represented an upgrading of contacts between Britian and the PLO and was the highest-level meeting between them for five years.

Abu Sharif told a news conference: "It is the responsibility, moral and political, of the United States and the European Economic Community to put all efforts into convincing Israel that negotiating is the only way to settle the Israeli-Palestinian conflict."

He said: "We are sincere, serious and committed to the establishment of a just peace in the Middle East... now it is up to Israel to reconfirm its attitude to (U.N. Security Council Resolution) 242 and to respond urgently and positively to our new initiatives.

"We hope that European countries, and Britain in particular, can play a positive and constructive role in convincing Israel that, instead of carrying on with air raid attacks within Palestine or occupied Palestinian territory they should sit down and talk and negotiate a political settlement to the whole problem," Abu Sharif told reporters.





King, Mubarak exchange views

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Saturday exchanged views on a number of issues of mutual concern in the framework of consultation and coordination between Jordan and Egypt. The exchange of views came in a telephone conversation between the two leaders.

Death estimate revised: Gorbachev visits site

Massive aid effort in Armenia

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev Saturday toured areas of Armenia hit by an earthquake that devastated two cities, virtually levelled a town and killed tens of thousands

of people. A senior official in Moscow said the first, incomplete estimate of casualties showed between 40,000 and 45,000 died in Wednesday's quake, which prompted Gorbachev to break off

a trip to the United States and return home. Officials also gave details of the operation to free residents trapped underneath huge piles of rubble amid growing accusations that organisers were ill-prepared

and slow in launching the rescue The Soviet Union observed a day of mourning for victims of the tremor, described by officials as the most destructive in the area

for more than a thousand years. Flags with black borders were flown at half-mast in cities and television broadcasts featured classical music. Foreign Ministry spokesman

Gennady Gerasimov said Gorbachev landed in Leninakan, a major city where more than three-fourths of the housing was destroyed. Nikiforov and other officials at

a news briefing said 12,000 people were hurt and nearly 7,000 are hospitalised, many with burns and crushed limbs. The first Western planeloads of

doctors, search dogs and medical supplies arrived Friday as people from around the world joined an extraordinary effort to release thousands of people still trapped in the rubble who may be alive. Soviet officials said 1,500 people were rescued from the ruins Friday after two full days in cap-

Hundreds of doctors and nurses poured into Armenia from around the Soviet Union, and officials from each of the 15 Soviet republics were assigned construction jobs.

It will take two years to rebuild all the homes, factories, and community facilities ruined in the quake, Chapligin said.

The cities of Leninakan and Kirovakan near the Turkish border were almost destroyed. The town of Spitak in between was practically flattened.

"Initial figures, very approximate figures, show between 40,000 to 45,000 dead," Nikiforov said. "There are about 500,000 homeless, 12,000 have asked for medical assistance and 6,000 are in hospital."

His casualty figures were substantially lower than other unoffifrom the region.

A spokesman at the official Armenian news agency, Armenpress, told Reuters Friday that up to 100,000 people could have been killed.

He based his estimate on the fact that there were only a handful of survivors in and around Spitak, which had a population of about 50,000.

Nikoforov discounted a death toll of 80,000 announced in London Friday by Soviet Ambassador to Britain Leonid Zamyatin. He said that figure probably included injured as well as dead.

Aid poured into Armenia from all over the world with relief teams and special earthquake rescue squads arriving in Armenia, including groups from France,

Switzerland and Britain. A team of 27 American disaster relief specialists headed for Armenia Saturday morning with a planeload of supplies and eight dogs trained to find live victims in the rubble.

"This is a special opportunity for us to reach out and work with the Soviet Union," said Julia Taft, head of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance of the State Department's Agency for

International Development. Taft was head of team that included nine doctors, among them Robert Gale, the Los Angeles physician who helped treat victims of the Chernobyl

nuclear plant disaster in the Soviet Union. The team planned to fly to Yerevan, the Armenian capital, after refuelling stops in Canada

and Ireland.

Ethnic unrest subsides

Soviet Major-General Anatoly Alexandrenko told reporters that all curfews had been lifted in both Armenia and Azerbaijan as the ethnic troubles of the past two weeks had subsided.

"There are no more curfews and no more special measures." he said. "All efforts are being directed towards helping the vic-

Aid flights

Nikiforov said 13 flights were landing in Yerevan despite bad weather Saturday, with loads of equipment from the United States, India and other countries,

Soviet television news Friday night showed well-equipped teams of French and Swiss specialists arriving in the stricken area and a team of British firefighters in full dress uniform leaving London's Heathrow airport.

The television pictures showed no apparent sign of any expert cial and semi-official estimates direction of the rescue effort,

hours after a curfew was lifted Palestinians of violent incidents firing tear gas into the streets and residents were allowed out of inside the camp. during the ceremony. U.N. chief accepts Nobel prize, says unpaid dues threaten mission Shuroug.

Nobel Peace Prize Saturday for half a million past and present peacekeeping soldiers, but warned that their mission was threatened because the United States and other countries don't

pay their dues. It was the first time in its 87-year history that the prize went to military forces, noted Egil Aarvik, chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

"Peacekeeping uses soldiers as servants of peace rather than as the instruments of war. It introduces to the military sphere the principle of non-violence," said U.N. chief Javier Perez de Cuel-

and prize certificate from Aarvik. Perez de Cuellar said 733 men had been killed since U.N. peacekeeping operations began in 1948. In all, about 500,000 men from 58 countries have served in the forces, and 10,000 are now on

lar, who received the gold medal

Hundreds of guests, including

OSLO (Agencies) - The U.N. for a minute's silence in the Great extraordinary concept." secretary-general accepted the Hall of Oslo University, in memory of the men who have died since U.N. peace missions began 40 years ago.

Perez de Cuellar also repeated an appeal for the release of U.S. marine Lieutenant-Colonel William Higgins, kidnapped earlier this year in Lebanon while serving with a U.N. observer group.

"We are now at a time of extraordinary hope and promise for the United Nations," Perez de Cuellar said. "The prospects of realising the

vision expressed in the charter of the United Nations seem better today than at any time since the organisation was founded."

A new mood of understanding and moves towards a resolution of the Gulf war and the Afghanistan conflict should be credited to U.N. efforts, he said.

"Peace-keeping operations symbolise the world community's will to peace... the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to these opera-

He said the award honoured the blue-helmeted soldiers, who had been servants of peace rather than instruments of war.

Perez de Cuellar Friday accepted a check worth \$416,000, a tiny fraction of the \$979.1 million owed in unpaid regular dues and peacekeeping assessments. The prize is enough to maintain U.N. forces in southern Lebanon

for just one day. Aarvik told the assembly that the award was a recognition of the entire U.N. system and the

growing confidence in it. After the ceremony Pereze de Cuellar flew to Paris to attend celebrations marking the 40th anniversary of the U.N. Human Rights Declaration.

The Nobel prizes, established by Swedish millionaire and inventor of dynamite Alfred Nobel, were first awarded in 1901. Those for medicine, physics, chemistry. economics and literature are awarded in Stockholm - also Dec. 10, the anniversary of

Norway's King Olav and injured tions illuminates the hope and Dec. 10, the U.N. soldiers, bowed their heads strengthens the promise of this Nobel's death.

No freedom in sight for PoWs as Iran-Iraq deadlock persists

GENEVA (R) — Gulf prisoners of war (PoWs), victim of distrust between Iran and Iraq, still languish in their prison camps as deadlines for their release go

unheeded. Dec. 10 was one more of those deadlines, when an exchange of 1,158 Iraqi sick and wounded PoWs and 411 Iranians was sup-

posed to have been completed. But the prisoner swap broke down only a few days after its Nov. 24 start, and a Swiss aircraft chartered for the purpose returned to Switzerland Wednesday after waiting without hope of the deadline being met.

"For the time being it seems it's blocked," said Jurg Bischoff, spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), which was arranging the operation.

The 1,569 PoWs, those accounted for by the ICRC until they were forced to stop such registrations two years ago, were only a part of the total number of sick and wounded on whose ex- sick or wounded and others had change the two sides agreed in asked for asylum.

talks in Geneva last month. By Dec. 5, another deadline. the two sides were to have presented the ICRC with a list of all new sick and wounded PoWs. Iran announced in Tehran that it had done so, but the ICRC says it has received no such list.

All sick and wounded PoWs were to have been repatriated by the end of the year, but their fate now depends on good will by both sides in negotiations with the ICRC. The mutual lack of trust after eight years of war has proved enormous.

"We're still trying to convince them to resume," Bischoff told The registered prisoners were

supposed to have been sent off in daily, proportional groups of 115 Iraqis and 41 Iranians, but that arrangement collapsed Nov. 27 after only three partial exchanges.

in private — free from possible Iranian pressure — to state whether he wanted to go home. "We need to have a death certificate or to see the person,' Bischoff said.

Iraq retaliated by allowing only 18 or 19 Iranians to go back each time, and Iran then stopped the exchange altogether.

and Baghdad were talking to the two sides, and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz, who was due in Geneva next week for a U.N. debate on Palestine, might

In any case, the unwell prisoners are only a small percentage of lieved held by both sides. Iran presented only 51 or 52

cials here.

sight, Iran refusing to negotiate their release until Iraq agrees to leave its territory and Baghdad refusing to go.

That angered Baghdad, which said Tehran was violating its responsibility to allow each Iraqi prisoner talk to ICRC delegates

Red Cross delegates in Tehran have discussions with ICRC offi-

more than 100,000 PoWs be-No early release for them is in

prisoners rather than 115 each time, saying some were no longer

Fighters reinforce positions; death toll rises; Lebanon seeks urgent U.N. debate

Tension remains high near Beirut after Israeli raid

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Palestinian fighters reinforced their cratered and battered positions near Beirut Saturday, less than 24 hours after Israel carried out a land, sea and air offensive against

A spokesman for Palestinian group whose positions south of the Lebanese capital were rocketed for eight hours by Israeli helicopters and gunboats Friday said

the fighters were on high alert. About 200 Israeli commandos took part in the assaults, under a curtain of rocketfire which lashed bases of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) in the villages of Haret Al Naameh, Aramoun, Shemlan, Baawarta, and Abey, southeast of Beirut.

The attack turned Haret Al Naameh into a tangled mass of ruins. Roads were cratered by rockets and electricity cables cut. Pine trees were scythed down and splintered by the Israeli fire.

The death toll from the attack. Israel's deepest attack into Lebanon in five years rose to nine Saturday after one of the 16 wounded Palestinians died at hospital overnight, police said. An Israeli officer, Lt.-Col.

Amir Meital also was killed and three soldiers were wounded. Bulldozeis Saturday pushed rubble and debris off underground tunnels, hunkers and trenches where fighters shelter to

escape Israeli air raids. Israel confirmed one of its senior officers was killed and that at least 20 Palestinians died in the battles. Reports from the field said nine fighters — four Palesti-

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because of the disengagement

and that the focus was now on the

Security Council to activate the

still a pivotal country in terms of

the concept of stability." he ex-

plained, pointing out Jordan's de-

mographic role as "a window on

mass eviction of Palestinians from

the occupied territories to Jor-

dan, the Prince said that trans-

posing the Palestinian population

and sending it elsewhere has not

worked in the past in the context

raphic problem which is not part

of the Israeli body politic. The

problem (for Israel) is likely to

Elections

Asked whether Jordanians

should expect parliamentary elec-

tions in 1989, the Crown Prince

replied affirmatively and said the

Ministry of Interior was prepar-

ing the electoral law and related

regulations. He pointed out that

Jordan was "committed to consti-

tutional monarchy," and that

"there has not been an objection

Economic measures

measures adopted by the govern-

ment. Prince Hassan said he

looked at these measures "in the

context of coming of age of the

al role of a big-brother central

government which is activating

the economy through govern-

"We moved from the tradition-

Referring to recent economic

to elections as such."

Jordanian economy.

"There is till a sizeable demog-

of 1948 Palestine.

continue to grow."

Asked about a possible Israeli

the occupied West Bank."

The international community

understand that Jordan

peace process.

nians and five militiamen of the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP)

were killed and 11 wounded. "We have sent more reserve fighters from Beirut and we are taking special measures to foil any future attack as we did Friday." the Palestinian spokesman

He said mines and boobytraps planted by Israeli commandos were dismantled and removed from around the devastated posi-

Soon after Friday's operation. dozens of PFLP-GC fighters. equipped with light weapons. were sent to Haret Al Naameh to reinforce their comrades in case of renewed Israeli action, witnes-

The Israeli attacks were first against areas near Beirut since Israel's 1982 invasion of

Analysts said Friday's raid underlined Israeli determination to crack down on Palestinian fighters despite recent conciliatory moves by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat. "Israel's muscle-flexing opera-

tion prove that the Jewish state is capable of launching attacks deep into Lebanon, thus isolating Beirut from its surroundings. one diplomat said.

services into a wider concept of

where productive sectors are

being emphasised. The reasons

process of sectoral adjustment.

that we have the means to make

full use of the emphasis on export

Asked whether he agreed that

the Kingdom was living beyond its means, he said: "If you look

objectively at what we have spent

on infrastructure for develop-

ment purposes by comparison

with any developing country in

the region, whether oil-producing

or non-oil producing... I would

be happy to say there had been

of major projects." he added.

"again I think that our track

record proves a great degree of

He said it was "unfair to blame

"Jordanians have not faced

the economic management for

economic hardship over the last

three decades," he said. "The

devaluation of the dinar was

something of a sacred cow, be-

cause, effectively, the Jordan di-

nar has never been devalued. So

devaluation and managed float in

itself was a shock to the psyche.

But if we look from the forties,

we see that every currency in the

region has faced enormous fluc-

The Crown Prince said, howev-

er. "I agree that we have to

stabilise the dinar at some stage

the very shock of the first-time

"If we look at our construction

very little waste."

external factors."

He added: "I believe strongly

this process of coming of age. a million.

ment tenders and emphasising and I believe this is coming."

"The whole tone of discussion economy, the Prince said it was

has changed." he said. "It's no obvious that a significant sum of

longer one of petitioning the cen- money in Jordanian dinars had

tral government for projects, been hoarded in the West Bank

for the current measures include between JD 250 and JD 300

here is a maturing of the process over 20 years of Israeli occupa-

Crown Prince: Security Council accountable

public participation.

potential."

embarrass Arafat and to show

U.N. debate sought Lebanon has called for a Security Council meeting on the Israeli

Lebanese Ambassador M. Rachid Fakhoury made the request Friday in a letter to the

him that Israel would maintain its

active role in Lebanon.

Security Council. There was no immediate indication of when the council vould meet.

Many senior ambassadors who might wish to speak on the issue before the council, particularly from Arab states, have departed for Geneva for next week's meeting on the issue of a Palestinian

Acting Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Hoss, who heads the civilian cabinet in the country's dual government, had instructed Fakhoury earlier Friday to lodge a complaint with the Security Council over the "flagrant Israeli aggression." his press office said.

Syrian comments Syria said Saturday that the

Israeli attack was aimed at showing the Zionist state's support for Lebanon's rightist hardliners.

The official daily Tishreen said: "The Israeli aggression came while the separatist gang of (Lebanon's rightist leaders) Aoun-Geagea was escalating tension in Lebanon.

The semi-official daily Al Palestinian and Lebanese Thawra said Friday's attacks were observers believe that Israel's aimed at helping Israel's allies.

In his reference to external

factors affecting the Jordanian

tion. He said the savings in the

West Bank were estimated at

"If you consider the last year of

the intifada, it is obvious that

people only survived on available

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of Jordanian pluralism or in the

context of East-West Bank rela-

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the story is defence expenditure.

He said that "the other side of

He referred to Jordan's plan to

purchase eight Tornado fighter

jets for \$500 million, pointing out

that in the context of the banking

community, this spending is

lumped together with borrowing

for development purposes, thus

putting further strains on the

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ment measures.

The Crown Prince said the

Afghanistan. Raboani, who was among

with senior Soviet officials in Saudi Arabia last Sunday, praised Moscow for becoming more realistic than any time in the The Soviet officials and rebels

agreed in Saudi Arabia to meet The rebels oppose an international conference and demand

the withdrawal of the remaining 50,000 Soviet troops in Afgha-



Burhanuddin Rabbani

Afghan rebel leader vows to pursue fight

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia (R) — A senior Afghan rebel official said in remarks published Saturday that Mujahedeen forces would not stop fighting as long as Soviet forces remained in Afgha-

"... There is no meaning in a ceasefire and stopping the fighting as long as the Russian army remains in Afghanistan." Burhanuddin Rabbani, leader of a seven-party robel alliance, was quoted as saying in the Okaz

uly newspaper. Soviet leader Mikhail Gor bachev, speaking at the U.N. General Assembly, proposed a Jan. 1 ceasefire as part of moves towards settling the Afghan

Gorbachev also suggested talks between Moscow, Soviet-backed Kabul and the Mujahedeen to form a broad-based government. and an international confernce on

Afghan rebels who held talks

because "these were not military

The FBI is looking for possible violations of federal criminal laws, including one that deals overseas, FBI spokesman Milt missile."

Ahlerich said.

FBI probes downing

of DC-7 in W. Sahara

Five U.S. citizens aboard the DC-7 were presumed dead when minal investigation into the the craft was shot down Thursday downing of a U.S. locust-spraying by a surface-to-air missile. Jay Morris, deputy administraan area of Africa controlled by tor of AID, told reporters the

plane, and another craft accompanying it, were not on a mission for the United States. Morris said the planes had

velopment (USAID) said his view is that whoever shot the been en route from Senegal, plane down "made a mistake" where they had finished work for AID, to Morocco.

White House spokesman Mar-lin Fitzwater told reporters in Washington, "at this point we with destruction of U.S. aircraft still don't know who fired the

Rival groups clash in Assiut; 100 wounded

ASSIUT (AP) - About 100 students and a police officer were wounded in clashes this week between rival groups of Muslim fundamentalist students, Assiut university and security sources said Saturday. Nobody was injured seriously, the informants said, but tension

remained high among students belonging to an extremist faction known as Al Gamaat Al Islamiya (Muslim Groups) and campus members of the Muslim Brotherhood. The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, would not

disclose how many arrests were made among the extremists but identified one detainee as a student leader named Saced Shameet. In Cairo, police sources said a country wide search was under way officer in the working-class district of 'Ain Shams Thursday.

Security forces have rounded up more than 130 religious extremists in 'Ain Shams since Wednesday, the sources said. Sixty-one were detained in a concerted police sweep of fundamentalists' homes in the 'Ain Shams area at dawn Wednesday as police followed up a tip about an alleged sabotage conspiracy. Police found two incendiary bombs, many knives and chains and antigovernment leaflets.

The Cairo police sources said another 72 extremists were taken in Thursday and Friday, 50 of them just outside an 'Ain Shams police station they attacked with stones and flaming objects.

The clashes at Assiut, a major provincial centre 380 kilometres south of Cairo and a hotbed of Muslim extremist activity for years. occurred Wednesday and Thursday. They were sparked by an argument between a Muslim brother-

hood student and three students from the extremist Gamaat, who beat up the Brotherhood student, the university and security sources

This led to a melee involving around 100 extremists using chains and knives and about half as many stick-wielding Brotherhood

After police Lieutenant-Colonel Mohammad Nada arrested the extremist leader Shameet, his followers attacked and beat the officer, the sources said.

for months over ideological differences and which side should be allowed to deliver sermons in mosques.

Both moderates and extremists want immediate implementation in Egypt of Sharia.

Gamaat is willing to use violence if necessary. The government says more than 90 per cent of Egyptian laws already conform to Sharia and that the rest will be brought in line gradually. The Muslim brotherhood officially has been banned since 1954,

but in recent years it has been permitted to run in parliamentary elections under the banner of the opposition Socialist Labour Party. The Brotherhood has 35 parliamentarians in the present 458member People's Assembly.

Extremist and Brotherhood students in Assigt clashed on two consecutive days last July inside a mosque. Thirteen were wounded and police arrested 23.

Farouk Ragheb, a professor and deputy chairman of the Assist University Club, estimated the number of Gamaat extremists at about 5,000 from an enrollment of more than 70,000 students.

Arab League to press for state observer status for PLO at U.N.

WASHINGTON (Agencies) The Arab League said Friday it would push making the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) an observer-member of the United Nations, putting the organisation on a level with Switzerland and the

'We are now going to try and get a resolution that would make the Palestinian state an observer-member of the United Nations." Clovis Maksoud, the league's U.S. and U.N. representative, told a news conference.

He was discussing next week's U.N. session in Geneva that was called after the United States denied a visa to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

The PLO is currently one of two groups, the other being the South-West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), with permanent observer missions to the U.N. The current status recognises their claim to represent people.

The new designation would rank the PLO among "non-member states," elevating the status of the Palestinian people in the Israeli occupied terri-

Maksoud said there would be no point in trying to make the PLO a full member, because it could not win approval by the United States in the Security Council. But. he added. "maybe this can be a transition to full membership at a later date." The non-member states are

Monaco, North and South Korea, San Marino, Switzerland and the Vatican.

WASHINGTON (Agencies) —

The Federal Bureau of Investiga-

tions (FBI) has launched a cri-

plane over the Western Sahara in

Meanwhile, an official of the

U.S. agency for International De-

the Polisario movement.

Friday at Naameh, 80 kilometres inside Lebanon. Maksoud called it a "pre-emptive strike against the peace option" and timed to coincide with the anniversary of the uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories. "This is a signal of further

Discussing the Israeli raid

oppression yet to come," he said. This is unprovoked vioience by Israel. There has been no provocation. It is an attempt to destabilise Lebanon and to continue its illegal occupation of the south of Lebanon. Maksoud criticised President

Ronald Reagan's statement at his Thursday night news conference that Arafat's statement Wednesday in Stockholm saying the PLO accepts Israel and rejects terrorism "in all its · — was ambiguous.

"We consider that Mr. Arafat's statements have been clear, unequivocal and categorical," he said, "There isn't any

Referring also to the same statements made by the Palestine National Council (PNC).

"To say that it still has ambiguity because it does not eschew violence in the occupied territories and that it says that resistance to occupation is not an act of terrorism, that is what everybody else accepts in the world community. ...to include the uprising within the context of terrorism, as the reaction of the United States seems to include, is mind-boggling and unacceptable."

PLO considerations Zehdi Labib Terzi, U.N. Friday there were legal aspects of the PLO's quest for recognition as a legal entity and the matter was being considered. with a number of options in mind. Initial drafts of two resolu-

tions prepared for the Geneva session, beginning Tuesday with Arafat due to speak the first day, contained several alternatives. One, diplomats said, is that

the General Assembly allocate to "the State of Palestine" the same status of the PLO in the U.N. system "together with the accorded rights and pri-A PLO observer mission was

set up in New York in 1974 and since then has been able to join virtually all U.N. debates without a right to vote. A separate draft that dele-

gates received Friday would have the General Assembly welcome to outcome of the PNC meeting last month. where the council declared an independent state, as "a positive contribution" towards a peaceful settlement. It also renewed a U.N. call for an international Middle East peace conference.

Virtually all states except Israel support the plan for a conference at which all five permanent members of the Security Council would be represented: the Soviet Union, the United States, China, France and Britain. A draft resolution for the

Geneva meeting would have the General Assembly affirm a number of principles, including a call for "withdrawal of Israel

tory occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, and the other occupied Arab territories.'

It would also affirm guaranteed "arrangements for the security of all states in the region within secured and internationally recognised boundaries, including the State of Palestine."

GCC to lobby EEC

Six Gulf countries are to ask the European Economic Commmunity (EEC) to give stronger support for the newly-declared Palestinian state, a Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) official said in remarks published Saturday. Assistant Secretary-General

for Political Affairs Saif Ibn Hashel Al Maskari told Al Bayan newspaper the EEC stand towards the Palestinian state was generally good, but the council's six members hoped it would take more advanced steps. "No doubt the GCC states

will try through individual and collective contacts to persuade the EEC to adopt the Palestinian position more clearly, Maskari was quoted as saying.

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We will also ask the EEC to try and convince the United States of the need to adopt the new peace initiatives."

Maskari said GCC foreign ministers, due to start arriving in Bahrain Saturday to prepare an agenda for the Dec. 19 summit of the group, would attend the U.N. General Assembly meeting in Geneva.

Prosecutor unveils North's broad 'deception' pattern

WASHINGTON (R) - The Iran-contra special prosecutor said Friday Oliver North engaged in a pattern of deception that corrupted the U.S. initiative to sell arms to Iran to get the release of the American hostages in

"North persisted in a pattern of nian-Palestinian context, "His deception that enabled him to exploit the Iran initiative by secretly using it to generate a pool of funds over which he these measures are politically justified, it does not mean that it is exercised control without government accountability," prosecutor Lawrence Walsh said.

North, a former White House aide fired for his role in the scandal, faces trial on criminal conspiracy charges for masterminding the secret sale of arms to Iran and the diversion of the profits to the Nicaraguan contra rebels in 1985-86, when Congress

banned U.S. military assistance. Walsh filed with the judge presiding over the case a summary of what he planned to prove at trial concerning the diversion charges. He said North three years ago pushed the initiative forward despite serious disagreements within the Reagan administration about whether to ship arms to Iran. In January 1986 North was told

by the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) top lawyer that Presi-dent Reagan could sign an authorisation for the arms shipments as a way to gain release of the hostages, but any activities from the operation must be specified to be legal, Walsh said. Reagan later that month gave

his approval for the arms sales, but has said he never authorised the diversion of the millions of dollars in profits to the contra forces that he has strongly sup-

"The government will demonstrate at trial that North played a significant role in directing expenditures from the enterprise," Walsh said in reference to the private operation set up to handle the money and the arms ship-

During the summer of 1986, problems began to develop in vered it had been overcharged for spare parts for anti-aircraft missiles. Walsh said. "North requested that the CIA

generate a phony microfiche price: list to provide to the transans and extinguish the complaints," he Walsh said North repeatedly failed to disclose that the prices

had been inflated by as much as 600 per cent to generate funds for the contras, and instead blamed the overcharges on the Iranian middleman, Mancher Gorba-The judge has said that North's

trial would begin by the end of next month, unless Reagan intervenes to stop the case to protect national security secrets from being disclosed.

The judge Friday completed secret hearings that spanned seven days over the classified documents that Walsh wants to use at trial and deletions that were required by the Reagan administration for national secur-

Followers of the Brotherhood and the Gamaat have been fending

But the Brotherhood advocates doing this peacefully, while the

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NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

KING HONOURS RAWABDEH: His Majesty King Hussein Saturday conferred on Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh a special distinguished medal in recognition of his salem, and red Arab p relentless efforts in developing the capital. The mayor sent a cable to the King voicing gratitude and appreciation for this great honour and pledged continued endeavours to serve the city residents and the country as a whole. (Petra)

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ROYAL DECREES: A Royal Decree has been issued endorsing the appointment of Jordan's Ambassador to Chile Wa'el Tougan as Jordan's non-resident ambassador to Uruguay. Another Royal Decree has also been issued endorsing the decisions of the Shari'a Judicial Council which provides for transferring, appointing, and promoting eleven Islamic chief justices. (Petra)

DECREE ENDORSES ENVOY TO NIGER: A Royal Decree has been issued endorsing the appointment of Jordan's Ambassador to Algeria Awad Abu Ubaid to the post of Jordan's non-resident ambassador to Niger. Another decree has also been issued endorsing the appointment of Dr. Abdul Salam Al Abbadi to the post of director general of the Orphans' Fund. (Petra)

VALID WORK PERMITS: The Ministry of Labour Sunday taunches a widescale campaign designed to ensure that non-Jordanian workers in the Kingdom hold valid work permits and are employed in fields for which they were originally brought into the country. A ministry statement issued Saturday warned non-Jordanians to abide by the regulations concerning their employment in the country. It said that a JD 30 fine will be imposed on violators for every month they were found to be working here without permits and the employers will be liable to the payment of a JD 50 fine according to the law. The statement said that teams from the Ministry of Labour will be touring factories, companies and other organisations in the course of the campaign. (Petra)

SUPPLY LAW VIOLATORS FINED: The military court has sentenced a number of people to the payment of JD 20 or serving a forty-day prison sentence for violating the supply law number 24 for the year 1974. The military governor endorsed the sentence. (Petra)

ZARQA WATER PROJECTS: The Water Authority office in Zarqa Governorate has finished the first and second stages of the water and sewerage projects in Zarqa and Ruseifah at the cost of JD 12,485,000. (Petra)

SOVIET TEAM VISIT JUST: A delegation representing the Soviet Republic of Daghestan Saturday visited the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) and met with the President Dr. Kamel Ajlouni who explained the university's activities and role in developing the society. The delegation, then, toured various university departments and watch a documentary film on the university. (Petra)

COOPERATION WITH SOVIET UNION: Minister of Supply Abdul Salam Kanaan Saturday voiced Jordan's desire to promote its cooperation with the Soviet Union in the field of cooperatives, and spoke in detail about the Kingdom's cooperative organisations in agriculture and food industries, at a meeting with a Soviet official now on a visit to Jordan. The official, Mr. Georgi Dunkin, heads a cooperative organisation in charge of agricultural and industrial complexes in the Soviet Union. The minister briefed the visitor on the Kingdom's supply policy and the ministry's policy to make available sufficient food supplies in the country for at least six months. He also spoke about the pricing system in Jordan and the ministry's control of basic fund commodities. (Petra)

French engineers reap iaid. Dut le rewards by trip to Jordan

nity, wall group of 80 French engineers of of interest and the country's ecoextreme different specialisations arrived nomic and social development. Saeed Star here Saturday on a several-day. In September, it was h was min visit of the Kingdom's archaeolo- announced that at least 840 tourg a sensor gical sites and plances of interest, ists from France will be arriving and to study the country's environment as well as traditional

architecture and building designs. The visit was organised by a French tourist firm within an incentive tourism programme agreed on with the Ministry of Tourism and a local tourist and

travel agency. The Jordan News Agency, Petra. said that as of the beginning of 1989, the French firm will organise monthly trips to Jordan, bringing in selected groups of professionals such as doctors, engineers, economists and others to study social and economic life in

the Kingdom. Tourism Minister Zuhair Ajlouni welcomed the group and stressed that the ministry will provide them with all facilities to

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) - A help them study Jordan's places

this winter and next summer in Jordan on trips organised within the incentive tourism prog-

Incentive trips, usually paid for by the employers, are arranged as a reward to employees having performed well in certain jobs. especially in sales.

The first batch of such groups, composed of French doctors arrived here between September and November, sent by the French pharmaceutical company Theroplix, and handled by Lawrence Tours. Another group, handled by International Traders, included West German travellers sent to Jordan by the Daimler Benz company in Ham-

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- A plastic art exhibition by eight Jordanian artists at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation in which more than 69 paintings are on display.
- An art exhibition by Iraqi artist Latif Itawi at Al Wasiti Gallery for plastic art - 6:00 p.m.
- * An art exhibition by Friends of Plastic Art in Gulf countries at the National Gallery.
- ☆ The youth's art exhibition which displays 101 paintings showing the different aspects of social life in Jordan at the Spanish
- Cultural Centre. ☆ An exhibition of ceramics by Iraqi artist Barwin Al Sarraf at
- Petra Bank Hall. ☆ The Moldavian public art exhibition, which includes handicrafts, embroideries, and costumes representing the Moldavian
- folklore, at the Soviet Cultural Centre. ☆ An exhibition of posters that show the dangers of AIDS at AI Raed Al Arabi School.

THEATRE

* An Arabic play entitled "Ya 'Anter" at the Royal Cultural Centre — 7:00 p.m.

LECTURE

* A lecture (in Arabic) at the Yarmouk University by Dr. Hartmut Bobzin on the beginning of Western Arabic studies.

FILM

↑ A feature film entitled "An American in Paris" at the .American Centre - 7:00 p.m.

CONCERT

₹ The annual concert of the Young Women Christian Association community choir at the Royal Cultural Centre - 8:00 p.m.

UNESCO seminar seeks transfer of modern technology to Arab World

nisation and management of sciseminar which was opened in Amman Saturday by the Amman-based United Nations Edu-Organisation (UNESCO).

Delegates representing 17 Arab countries and others representing organisations concerned with the development of science and technology, are taking part in the seminar which will review working papers and discuss coordination of work by scientific research centres in the Arab World for the benefit of pan-Arab development.

A UNESCO representative de-

the seminar opens the way for entific and technological research those in charge of their countries' work and the transfer of modern research programmes to extechnology to the Arab World are change views on science and techthe main themes of a five-day nology and pave the way for cooperation in this field.

Dr. Othman Yazid said that the seminar comes at a time when cational, Scientific and Cultural the Arab states are confronting numerous challenges represented by the great advances in science and technology in the industrialised nations, which is bound to affect their development prog-"There is need for greater

efforts by Arab countries to acquire training in technology and promote and step up research work that can be applied in various economic and social fields." Yazid said in his speech.

He said Arab endeavour in the

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) - Orga- livered a speech in which, he said field of technology is still very poor, compared to industrialised nations, and it is hoped that through this seminar the Arab specialists will join forces to contribute to the Arab World's prog-

> The meeting will examine means of developing and organising administration of training, the use of equipment and the creation of new units related to science and technology and their usefulness in serving development.

> Another topic will be a proposal to create a green belt for North African Arab countries, UN-ESCO officials said. They added that working papers discussing experiments in research work conducted in Jordan, Egypt, Somalia and Saudi Arabia will be reviewed at the meetings.

and Irrigation was doing all it can

to provide sufficient amounts

through prospecting for new re-

attended by Arab countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, that

nearly 99 per cent of the King-

dom's urban population was re-

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lic to encourage the use of special

techniques that can ensure better

financial and administrative man-

agement of water resources.

The seminar ended by issuing

The minister told the seminar,

sources.

Dakhqan stresses need to increase Jordan's water potential by 10%

AMMAN (J.T.) - Minister of Water and Irrigation Ahmad potential by at least 10 per cent if noted. the country is to avoid water distribution difficulties like those witnessed in the past summer.

Addressing a meeting of directors of water departments in various provinces, the minister said regular basis in the process of determining the amounts of avail-

By the coming summer more water networks should be instal-Dakhqan has underlined the need led and water pumps added to to increase the country's water avoid further erises, the minister

> ing winter season will bring in more rains and help improve the water situation in the country, Dakhqan, last month, opened

He voiced hope that the com-

that proper study of the artesian a seminar on management of wells and underground resources water resources and said that should be carried out and tests on Jordan was expected to require water should be maintained on a nearly 266 million cubic metres of water for annual consumption by the year 2005.

He said the Ministry of Water

Hindawi opens 3 new schools in Irbid area

IRBID (Petra) — Minister of Education Thougan Hindawi Saturday visited Irbid Governorate where he opened three schools and met with educationalists, teachers and school supervisors to discuss educational matters in their regions.

One of the new schools was Al Husn Vocational Training School for Girls, which seats 247 students, providing training in nursing, commercial and business studies, dress making and hairdres-

The other schools were one for commercial and business training for girls and the other a secondary school for boys in Irbid.

The cost of the three schools was estimated at more than JD 1

Following the opening ceremonies, the minister met with the teachers and educational supervisors at the Zaid Ibn Al Khattab School and spoke in detail on the objectives of the new educational development scheme now being carried out by the Ministry of Education, in implementation of the first national educational conference held in Amman last year.

Hindawi later attended a cultural and artistic rally and distributed cups to winners in extracurricular activity.

PSD plans to reinstate law on seat belts in cars

to reenforce a rule making it cent of all road accidents. imperative on motorists and passengers next to the driver in all while driving on all roads within the Kingdom, according to a report in Al Ra'i Arabic daily.

new regulations will go into effect as of the start of the coming year, quoted PSD officials as saying that the use of seat belts in cars other parts of the body.

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Public has been proved to reduce and Security Department (PSD) plans minimise injuries in 60 to 70 per

The PSD official said that JD 5 to JD 15 will be imposed as a fine types of cars to use seat belts on all motorists violating this rule from now on.

He added: Studies have shown that seat belt prevent up to 84 per The report, which said that the cent of the injuries that could occur in accidents and a proportion ranging between 48 per cent and 100 per cent of injuries in

Arab Potash Company to make \$12m profit

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Arab per tonne, down from the ex-Potash Company (APC) hopes to realise revenues totalling \$110 million in hard currency this year, of which nearly \$12 million will be net profit. In the coming year APC hopes to raise the revenues to \$130 million and the profits to \$50 million.

The aspirations were forecast by APC Director General Ali Nsour in an interview published by Al Dustour Arabic daily Saturday.

Nsour expressed hope that by 1990 APC will be able to make profits sufficient to compensate for all losses incurred by the company between 1983 and 1987, and to distribute dividends of nearly 20 per cent on the profits to the shareholders by 1990.

Nsour said in his statement that Jordan's central location helps it to market all its potash products in the Eastern and the Western hemispheres. Nearly 70 per cent of Jordan's

potash is being marketed in Asian countries such as India, Japan, Indonesia, China, Malaysia, the Philippines, as well as Australia and New Zealand; while the rest is being marketed in Europe, Africa and North and South America, mostly in France, Italy and Brazil, Nsour explained.

Over the past three years, the potash industry was faced with a deep crisis due to a decline in prices because of the increase in supply on the international mar- evaporation process, the plant's kets, causing considerable financial losses to most potash companies and potash producers, Nsour noted.

He said that by 1986 Jordanian potash was sold at the rate of \$70

pected \$140 according to initial estimates included in the project's feasibility study. But the prices stabilised by the middle of 1987 and in the first part of 1988 largely due to efforts exerted by producers led by Canada.

APC was established in 1956 with a JD 4.5 million capital; and was offered a 100-year concession to exploit the Dead Sea minerals and set up chemical industries,

But, he said, the project was not established before 1982, due to a number of difficulties, mainly the 1967 war.

According to the APC director, experimental production at the company's plants south of the Dead Sea started in 1983, and the company's capital was raised gradually until it became JD 72.45 million, of which 56.1 per cent is owned by the Jordanian government and the rest is owned by shareholders which include the Arab Mining Company, Kuwait, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Libya.

Nsour noted that the whole project cost JD 180 million, much of which came in the form of loans from banks, international financial institutions and friendly

Jordan's potash is exceptionally feasible to exploit, he said, due to the richness of the Dead Sea, the use of solar power in the proximity to the port city of Agaba, Jordan's central location between continents and the availability of expertise and skill for mineral exploitation, Nsour pointed out.

WHO urges development strategies to consider environment constraints

By Rania Atallah Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A regional conference on development and its effect on the environment and health got underway Sunday with a call by the World Health Organisation (WHO) representative on all those involved in defining and implementing national development strategies to seriously consider environmental constraints which, he said, were "critical" to the sustained development of many countries."

the eastern Mediterranean region, Hussein Gezairy, said environmental health programmes can be properly assessed if they are considered part of the national development strategies.

"It is unfortunate, but a fact. that much of the development that has taken place in the industrialised nations has had a damaging effect on the environment. Gezairy said at the opening of the four-day conference which was held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince

The conference, organised by WHO's Centre for Environmental Health Activities (CEHA), in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, will address immediate problems, as well as longer term issues that influence the strategy and policy-planning in countries of the region.

Twenty eight working papers will be presented dealing with development and public health. rural and urban development, appropriate technologies for de-

The WHO regional director for velopment and implications for the environment and health. appropriate technologies for water supply and sanitation and sources development in environ- gradually lead to deafness. mental health, inter-sectoral collaboration in environmental protection, in addition to develop-

> ment strategies for the region. Gezairy urged conference participants to make use of the experiences of others and to adopt development strategies that are sound and sustainable in all respects: economically, socially and environmentally.

> Since it was established in 1985, CEHA has concentrated on water supply and sanitation and had emphasised training in preventive maintenance, the operation of plants for water and wastewater treatment, as well as the appropriate low cost technologies for that sector. Gezairy said.

change network established by CEHA is to facilitate the rapid dissemination of experience, ex- care.

pertise and innovation on environmental health matters in the

region, he added. The network, he noted, had been developed with the aid of funding from the International Development Research Centre in

Ottawa, Canada. Also addressing the conference's opening session was Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh who noted that access to pure water constitutes an integral part of primary health care.

Hamzeh also noted that countries in the region have recently started to consider noise pollution as another form of environmental pollution, which, he said. their implementation, human re- affects factory workers and can

In order to discuss the concept of health in a comprehensive way. Hamzeh said, one has to tackle the issue of the environment in which one lives. "Pollution knows no geographic or political boundaries, `he commented.

Fifty seven experts from 20 countries in the region are taking part in the conference.

Following the opening of the conference. Hamzeh inaugurated CEHA's new premises in Um Uthaina.

More than 20 countries make use of the centre's resources, which include a library, a documentation unit, as well as a laboratory.

WHO member countries in the A regional information ex- region will meet Monday to discuss means of combining primary health care with mother and child

Almost all premises for industries filled in Sahab

AMMAN (J.T.) — All premises include 10 food industries, 13 stage have already been taken up. an announcement Saturday.

The announcement by the Jordan Industrial Estates Corporacapital to be used in the new

tion (JIEC), said that the total industries is estimated at JD 20

allocated for industries at the engineering and electrical indus-Sahab Industrial City (SIC) with tries, four plastic and rubber cent increase in the number of the exception of one single build- plants, eight plants for chemicals ing have been taken by new and the rest include factories for due to a number of reasons which and civil defence services. industries registered with the the manufacture of carpets, kitch-Ministry of Industry and Trade ens., printing paper and building cellation of the industrial licence; over the past year, according to materials. These industries are easy procedures; protection given expected to create 20,000 jobs. Suheimat noted.

studying applications by other in- with those from other countries dustries to take up space in the second phase of the SIC which reduction by 30 per cent of rent will be ready by the end of the on industrial buildings within the JIEC Director General Dr. coming month, and nearly 50 per SIC; the availability of basic ser- industrialists and investors to Fayez Suheimat said that these cent of the premises in the second vices which are offered at nominembark on the new projects.

According to Suheimat, the renew invitors and entrepreneurs is include: tax incentives; the canto local industries; the recent floating of the dinar enabling

He said the JIEC is currently Jordanian products to compete

al prices, the presence of a vocational training centre at the city and other services such as banks, maintenance workshops, security

Favez said that the corporation was now studying the prospect of building additional premises to open the way for more industries at the site.

Favez added that the presence of a permanent industrial fair in Jordan and the organisation of industrial fairs in Arab countries were instrumental in promoting



By Dr. Fahed Fanek

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Reassuring words

IN HIS interview with the Al Siyassah Kuwaiti daily last week His Majesty King Hussein portrayed to the Arab World several positive and happy projections about the overall state of Arab affairs. Foremost among these promising forecasts is His Majesty's prediction that next spring will bring forth a positive and tangible movement in the Middle East conflict. As all the Arab World and peace loving nations of the world are thirsty for some good news about the fate of the Palestinian question, which had eluded solution for more than four decades, the words of encouragement by King Hussein on this score are tantamount to the right antidotes to defeatism and despair that Israeli leaders try to permeate the Middle East region with.

What is also most gratifying is that the feeling of hope and optimism that the King has passed on to the Arab World was not confined to the Palestinian situation. Equally important is his call for a regional Arab understanding and entity composed of Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Yemen and other interested Arab states to operate and function under the aegis of the Arab League greater umbrella and in parallel with the other sub-regional Arab groupings like the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Geographic considerations and the peculiarities of the three possible major sub-groupings of Arab states would indeed call for the establishment of such sub-regional Arab common economic markets provided they aim for an overall Arab unity. In other words, any such sub-regional Arab groupings would not and should not be construed as the anti-thesis of Arab unity, which shall always be the ultimate Arab objective.

In the context of inter-Arab relations and the orgent need to put them on the right course, the King also wisely called for institutionalising Arab summits in order to maintain the momentum of Arab barmony and coordination. Any such periodic Arab summits on a regular basis would go a long way to safeguard the achievements of any given Arab summit and make sure that the vigour and sense of commitment realised in any Arab summit would remain vibrant and relevant. And certainly, Arab summits would remain lacking and incomplete as long as Egypt, the heart and soul of the Arab World, remains outside the orbit of the highest inter-Arab contacts and cooperation.

On the local scene the King's answers were equally reassuring. There is no doubt that the financial and economic sectors in the degree of welcome. And now that Jordanians and Jordan's partners in trade and commerce can feel reassured that the Jordanian currency has stabilised along a reasonable and sound plateau and that the Jordanian economy is basically sound and firm, the fiscal and economic future of our country should make a

Last but not least, the King reassured the country that political stability and continuity considerations at these critical times call for the continuation of the government of Prime Minister Zaid Rifai. This is most welcome news which will lend additional support to the overall stability of the country in these trying times. As the year 1988 approaches its end and we are about to begin a new year the reassuring words of His Majesty King Hussein are the kind of news that all Jordanians have been yearning for.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

TWO Arabic dailies on Saturday wrote editorials on King Hussein's statements to the Kuwaiti Al Sivassah Arabic daily and the British Broadcasting Corporation concerning the situation in the occupied Arab lands at the start of the second year of the Palestinian uprising. Now that the PLO has accepted U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338, and the Palestinians shown their determination to regain their rights and their homeland, the Arab countries ought to back them with all their might, Al Ra'i daily said. A joint Arab action as proposed by King Hussein and the formation of three Arab economic and political blocs operating within the framework of the Arab League, said the paper, should form a deterrent to Israel's aggression and put an end to its arrogance. If the Arabs in the orient are united, they are bound to form a formidable military force, capable of confronting Israel's ambitious and aggressive designs and restoring the usurped Arab rights, the paper added. The King, the paper noted, has called for the return of Egypt to the Arab fold as a first step in this pan-Arab enterprise; and this is essential if the Arabs are determined to back their Palestinian brothers in their quest for freedom and

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily Saturday wonders what the Palestinian people and their leadership can do to meet the U.S. halfway and make Washington talk to them on their plight. Tareq Masarweh says that Washington should stop demanding further compromises from the PLO which has already renounced terrorism and accepted Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338; and should deal with the situation realistically. What else could be demanded from a people who lost their land now occupied by invaders? asks the writer. He criticises U.S. demands that Arafat should shave his beard, don a civilian outfit and explicitly announce his recognition of Israel all for the sake of opening the way for a mere talk with Washington over the Palestine issue. Masarweh says that the Palestinians have been able to prove their stand and create an entity of their own; and all they require now is recognition of their rights.

Al Dustour daily laid emphasis on the unique relationship between the Palestinian and the Jordanian people and said that it is now stronger than at any time in the past. This relationship is being bolstered by Jordan's efforts spearheaded by King Hussein who described the uprising of the Palestinians as a revolt, manifesting the oppressed people's determination to hold on to their land and their rights, the paper pointed out. The paper echoed the King's praise of the heroic people of Palestine who are now waging a struggle for freedom and an end to injustice, and reiterated the need on the part of all Arabs to lend further backing for the Palestinians. Jordan's severing of legal ties with the West Bank, said the paper, opened the way for an escalation of Palestinian struggle and created an opportune atmosphere for a fruitful relationship between the two sides to serve as a model

for Arab unity in the future. Sawt Al Shaab daily commented on the King's statement to the British Broadcasting Corporation in which the King called the Palestinian uprising as a phenomenon, demonstrating a great degree of awareness and pursuit for rights and a resolve to confront unacceptable circumstances. The paper said that the Arab masses are delighted at the King's continued efforts to back the Palestinians and to raily Arab ranks in that direction and echoed the King's description of the uprising in the occupied Arab land as heroic and courageous in the face of the danger that threatens all the Arab people.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

Healthy future for the dinar

SINCE the Jordan dinar was officially floated at mid October, its exchange rate has declined to the current realistic level which was determined freely by supply and demand. As this decline took place in the market under the worst expectations, nervousness and abrupt measures, there is no reason to expect further decline, because circumstances, nerves, and expectations could not become worse and might become much better.

If the price of the dollar remained in the domain of 520 fils, the overall depreciation of the dinar would be 27 per cent of its previous value when the dollar was selling at 380 fils. This means that the cost of imported commodities should rise by 37 per cent.

The difference between the 27 per cent decline rate of the dinar and the 37 per cent rise in prices of imported goods has resulted from the fact that the decline is expressed in terms of previous value of the dinar, while the rise in prices is expressed in terms of current value of the local currency. To illustrate this we point out that the decline of a certain currency by 10 per cent would result in the rise of other currencies by 11 per cent. The rise of the exchange rate of a currency by 50 per cent would reduce the price of other currencies by 33 per cent.

It is most likely that the prices of domestic goods and services such as wages, rents and vegetables will remain constant in the short term, and that the prices of local products will rise only in proportion to the imported contents of these products, and that the overall imported contents of the aggregate demand will following year and to 33 per cent in the second year. Under these assumptions we can conclude that the inflation rate in Jordan will be in the order of 15 per cent.

However this figure does not represent a continuing trend of inflation, because it is a one-time-shift of price levels, unlike inflation resulting from a demand pull or cost push which goes on

Beside the one time jump of prices of 15 per cent which will occur in the last days of 1988, the expected annual inflation rate will not exceed 4 per cent. This conclusion is very important due to its impact on interest rate during 1989.

In theory, the interest rate should be influenced by inflation

rate, because it is the normal function of interest to cover the expected inflation rate plus a net real return of 2 to 3 per cent. Interest rate is also connected to expectations over exchange

rate. If the market expected that a given currency will decline against a second currency, then the rate of interest on the first currency should rise to compensate for the expected decline in its exchange rate, otherwise all speculators will shift from the first currency to the other.

In the case of Jordan the Central Bank (CBJ) used to fix the interest rate on the dinar irrespective of the fact that inflation rate between 1975 and 1982 in Jordan was higher than in industrial countries. The CBJ also continued to fix the interest rate after 1982 despite the fact that the outlook of the dinar's exchange rate was on the negative side until October 1988. The natural result of this policy was the weakening of the dinar in competing with other

currencies as a store of value. The capital flight was the logical

response of the people. During that time I repeatedly warned that the real interest rate of the dinar was in fact negative all through 1986, 1987 and 1988, but other economists were putting pressure on the CBJ to reduce interest rate even further, arguing that the real interest rate in Jordan was too high for investors, while ignoring the exchange

Finally the interest rate was floated, but this step did not cause the expected rise. This calls on the CBJ to intervene in the market towards higher interest rate, to make the dinar a feasible saving

The inflation rate of 15 per cent, as calculated above, will not influence interest rate, because the dominating factor is the expected decline of the purchasing power of the currency. A depositor does not expect the interest rate to compensate: for the loss that already took place, but would expect it to cover the expected decline in exchange rate and relative inflation rate in the

We do expect interest rates to rise gradually, but we believe that the currently relative low interest rate reflects the reasonable expectations of the market that the exchange rate of the dinar is not going to decline sharply in the future, and that the future inflation rate will be rather low. Those who accepted 8 to 9 per cent interest rate on their dinar's have actually given a vote of confidence in the dinar's future exchange and inflation rates.

Yitzhak Shamir's ideological heritage

By Israel Shahak

A MISTAKE committed by nearly all commentators who write about Israeli affairs is to ignore the ideologies held by the various groups in Israeli politics and society. It is usually assumed, especially by the so-called "impartial commentators," that the Israelis, including their politicians, are only influenced either by "care for Israel's security" and similar 'positive" considerations, or by dictates from Washington. While Israeli politicians are influenced by many political and economic factors, most of them also have a deep belief in certain principles, even if some of these are corrupt or murderous or both.

What is more, the majority of Israeli Jewish society is still quite conservative in its basic attitudes. fixed in the period before 1948, when the world and especially Eastern and Central Europe from where the founders of this society came, or by which they were strongly influenced, was intensely ideological. To this we should add the influence of Judaism and especially of the Bible. surely a very ideological book! For all those reasons, it is my the ideologies of the Israeli parties, which are stronger on the Right than in other parts of the political spectrum and are especially strong among the former members of the terrorist movements of the 40s, Etzel (of Begin) and Lehi (the Stern Gang) to which Yitzhak Shamir belonged and where, by becoming one of its three leaders, he first arose to political prominence.

Shamir has since remained true to the basic principles which guided him then, seasoned with a dose of the political pragmatism which he learned from Ben Gurion during his 16 years in Mossad. Which means that he does not believe now, as he did 40 years ago, that the ultimate aims in which he believes can be realised quickly by the exclusive use of terror; but he does believe they can be realised using a whole battery of different means towards the same aim, only more slowly. To give him his due, he has never pretended otherwise:

he has never repudiated even in one word the ideals and the aims of Lehi and of its first leader and ideologue Avraham Stern.

The formation of Lebi

We have to begin with the split of Lehi from the parent organisa-tion in 1939-1940, caused by the outbreak of World War II. Although the original, united Etzel carried out unprincipled attacks on the civilian Palestinian population both in the 30s and in 1947-1948, as well as in 1944-1948 on the British forces, it is important to emphasise that it had some inhibitions. It held back from attacks on British forces until 1944 because of the Nazi danger, and for a short time even made an alliance with them, and it avoided completely indiscri-minate terror. Lehi from the beginning was founded as an organisation absolutely devoid of all scruples in its relation to

The well known (at least in Israel) attempt to form an alliance with Hitler, based, as Lehi wrote to him in a servile letter, on ideological similarities, is merely one of those distinguishing features. We should add not only Britons like Lord Moyne in 1944, but also of the U.N. mediator Count Bernadotte in 1948, which is being justified even now by his murderers in that "we judged him to be a harmful person" and about which Shamir, according to some of the organisers, at least knew. It is also important to realise that most of Lehi's surviving members, including Shamir, remain intensely devoted to their past ideology and cultivate it by common meetings, memorials, books and other publications. I wish therefore to describe in short what that ideology was and is so that it can be seen that the opinions and may be even the actions of Shamir are influenced by this ideology.

Lehi's ideology

The aims of Lehi were heavily influenced by traditional Jewish attitudes, while Etzel, true to the heritage of Zeev Jabotinsky, was a consciously secular movement.

even when, as in the case of Begin, its leaders were religious themselves. This can be shown by an analysis of the principles of Lehi, as formulated by Stern and

called by him "the Renaissance Principles" (it is not by chance that the present extremist party, Tehiya, adopted the same name. Tehiya means in Hebrew "The Renaissance"). Those principles are still being published today, and between them and the principles of Etzel, and subsequently of Herut, there is an enormous difference both in the actual content. and in the basic ideological

Let us first take the question of the land claimed as belonging by right to the Jewish state. Only a short time ago when the Liberal party merged with Herut to form Likud, the old Herut hymn, written by Jabotinsky, was solemnly sung at this ceremonial occasion. Its crucial lines are: "Jordan river has two banks. One belongs to us and so does the other!" In contrast to this, Lehi principles lay explicit claim to the whole area between the Nile and the Euphrates, that is including all Lebanon and most of Syria and of course Sinai too. There is every reason to assume that when Shamir, even as Begin's foreign minister, refused either to vote in the Knesset for the Camp David agreements or to speak in their favour, he did so because of his loyalty to those principles and his belief that they may yet be real-

It is more important to emphasise the even greater difference in the reasons given by the two movements for claiming those borders. From Jabotinsky to Begin the reasons were purely secular: the decisions of the British government as confirmed by the League of Nations in the terms of the British Mandate. Lebi's reasoning is explicitly religious: because God said so in the Bible. It is important to emphasise that neither Begin nor even Sharon ever claimed such territories or gave such explanations for what they did claim. What is more, from Jabotinsky to Begin, their movement, for all its militarism, regarded war as only one of the means to achieve its end. In Lehi's principles war appears as the only and exclusive means of hieving this aim, and the reason for this is "historical": that the Jews of the Bible conquered their land by the sword. Indeed, just as in other ideologies of that time, war appears in Lehi principles as a permanent situation; the ninth principle says simply: "an eternal war with all those who. like Satan, oppose the Aim."

Attitudes to the Arabs

Even more important are two further differences. The classical approach of the Revisionist movement to the Arabs is an absolute denial of their national right in the area claimed for the Jewish state, coupled with the theoretically absolute recognition of their individual rights. No doubt the last was conspicuous by its violation, especially to those who are not Israeli citizens; but let us not forget that Herut always welcomed Arab members on equal terms, as Likud does now, while Tehiya, which truly embodies Lehi's principles, open-

ly excludes them "on principle." Hypocrisy is important politically to some extent, however repulsive it is to persons of principle, and that maxim of La Rochefoucauld that "hypocrisy is the tax which vice pays to virtue" is relevant; when that tax is not paid any more the situation becomes very much worse than when it is. Accordingly, the principles of Lehi explicitly advocate what is called now "transfer," and what they call "an exchange of the population," that is a complete removal of all Arabs from not only Palestine and Jordan but from Lebanon and Syria as well. In addition, the Revisionist movement assumed, after its demands were met, a relation of equality, or sometimes of indifference, with the remaining Arab

people of the Middle East. Lehi wants much more: that the very much larger Jewish state. will in addition dominate not only "the East" (not just the Middle East!) but the "shores of the Mediterranean." How relevant those ideas are now can be seen from the following illuminating incident which happened in August. After Rabbi Ariel, an important advocate of similar ideas. published an atlas, which claims for the Jewish state, in addition to land borders even greater than those mentioned above, all the islands of the Mediterranean, he was received in the prime minister's office with many expressions of support.

Building the 'Temple'

The most important and at the same time the most potentially explosive of Lehi's principles is the last, No. 18. It simply proposes the building of the Temple "as a sign of total Redemption." There are many signs in recent months that Shamir considers this a real possibility, and that he encourages what no other Israeli prime minister did before him.

While all former prime ministers studiously ignored the several Israeli organisations which demand the building of the Temple. Shamir met recently with the most dangerous of them, one which has already prepared the sacred robes of the High Priest in

which he will offer sacrifice, and expressed his sympathy and sup-port. We could add to this many of his recent declarations, no only the one in which the Palestinians were compared to grasshoppers, which was one of the more innocuous. More important was his declaration that the intifada is merely the continuation of the eternal war which has run from the time of the Hasmoneaus (166BC) until now without inter-

Let me remind readers that the lack of attention to Begin's declarations, which were thought to be "only rhetoric" was one of the important reasons why so many were surprised by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and its extent in 1982. People who do not take Shamir's ideology seriously may have a yet greater surprise await-

Misleading comparisons

Israeli Jewish society has a strong ideological component in its nature, and in this it is much closer to the other Middle Eastern countries than most of the 'experts" assume. The comparison of Israel as it is at present with a western country very misleading, in spite of its modern technology, parties, elections to a parliament, etc. But a comparison to 17th century England, which also had elections to a parliament, or even better to Scotland of the same period, can be much more illuminating. No one will now claim that the actual course of events either in 17th century Britain, or to take a better example in Iran of our times, can be understood without considering also the ideological component together with all the

In the case of Israel the interaction of extreme ideology with the state's military power can be disastrous, especially if the ideology is not well known in advance. But knowledge of all the possibilities, including the influence of extreme ideology, actually diminishes the probability of their occurrence, as the proverb says: forewarned is forearmed - Middle East International, London-

other political factors.

For the starving Sudanese, tears aren't enough

By Jonathan Power

CAIRO — Members of Margaret Thatcher's government, for which only real men need apply. are not known to cry in public. But a few days ago, one of her rising younger stars. Christopher Patten, the minister for overseas development, was reduced to tears when describing what he'd just seen at Ethiopian refugee camps crammed with starving migrants from neighbouring

The war in Sudan has reached such murderous proportions that it is now said to be more calamitous than the Ethiopian famine of 1965. It is, perhaps, Africa's worst disaster in centuries.

Patten talked of families "tacking back and forth across Sudan. trying to avoid armed Muslim tribes, the Sudan Army or marauding gangs, and living off leaves, berries, nuts or roots they had grubbed up." Also just back from Ethiopia, Bob Geldof, the pop singer and Africa fund-raiser extraordinaire, told of asking a small boy how he had found his way across almost 500 kilometres of desert to a refugee camp. "I just followed the trail of bodies" the boy re-

When drought was the culprit, as it was in 1985, the international community could move heaven and earth to provide aid and succor, raising hundreds of mil-

lions of dollars for both Ethiopia and Sudan. But fratricidal war is another matter. Where does it end, and where do we begin?

The war between the Muslim north, seat of the government, and the Christian and animist south has been raging on and off for 30 years. And each act of aid by outsiders merely seems to enable the combatants to live to fight another day. The last two years have seen the war worsen dramatically, with each side using the weapon of starvation.

After the despotic Jaafar Numeiri was deposed in April 1985, and elections the following spring. Sadek Mahdi became prime minister. He is the Oxford educated great grandson of Mohammad Ahmed Mahdi, the Muslim leader of the 1880s who defeated General Charles George Gordon in the historic encounter at Khartoum that changed the political map of the Sudan and Egypt. But, ironically, the liberal, enlightened Sadek Mahdi mav be brought down by the fun-damentalist forces his ancestor unleashed.

Mahdi campaigned strongly against the Islamic fervor of the Numeiri government, in particular the revival of sharia, or Islamic law. Yet, in office, he has given the impression of being constantly on the defensive against the political onslaught of the National Islamic Front, the third largest party in his coalition walking skeletons have crossed

The leader of the southern guerrillas, the American educated John Garang of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, is not easy to deal with, either. The guerrillas have tried to shoot down relief flights - incredibly, a missile bounced off one UNICEF plane and exploded in the air and attacked relief convoys. Garang, who seems not to care if

his people starve while hoping that anarchy will play into his hands, has been able to isolate the government garrison towns, depriving them of food. In return, the government has blocked relief supplies from reaching the tribes in the countryside, and is thought by many southerners as welcoming the war as a way of depopulating the troublesome region. Intermittently, the United Nations, the Red Cross and the U.S. Agency for International Development get permission from one side or the other, or, occasionally, from both, to bring in supplies. But outsiders seem to

Yet if ever there was the time for the big push this is it. After floods, drought and war, the devastation is all but complete. Patten reckons that one out of every two people in the south has been killed. Thousands of children have died. More than 300,000

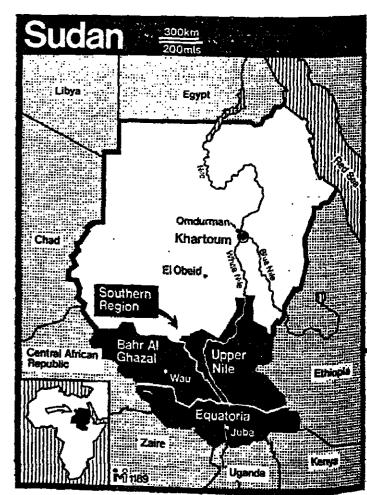
have less and less influence.

into Ethiopia. The people have had enough.

Recently, in an Egyptian-bro-kered initiative, representatives of Garang and the Democratic Unionist Party, second largest in the coalition government, hammered out a peace accord that called for a constitutional conference and suspending Islamic law. Mahdi's party. Umma, has welcomed it but the National Islamic Front is strongly opposed. Since, hundreds of Muslim militants in Khartoum have attacked black southerners with stones, clubs and iron bars, shouting. "No peace without Islam."

The wisps of compromise hang uncertainly in the air, but will need the efforts of everyone to bring them to earth. This means not just Washington, but the whole of the West and Moscow, too. It means Arab neighbours, like Egypt and Saudi Arabia. And it means other members of the Organisation of African Unity, using their influence as they have so successfully in the recent peace agreement for Angola and

The mass starvation in Sudan is one of the great human tragedies of the 20th century. "The damned," wrote Eugene O'Neill, "don't cry." But we must weep for them - and struggle, too -International Herald Tribune.



Handicrafts—towards a commercially viable industry

capital flight AMMAN — Any bazaar you go sed that the opeople will try to convince you brough 1986 to buy embroidered pillow cases as the teal for similar hand-made products as the teal for act of "charity" for a "good while ignoring those many embroidered pillow assessore is willing to buy just to J to intervent stating project in the rural or less To intervene support a women's income generative dindral aladeveloped areas of the country,

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Many of these projects howevth ne will one or, have given little attention, if essed his sage more completely disregarded, the We could at marketing and commercial viabilities recent the one in the one m result has been a minute often were come duplicated, products that offer per, which little diversity in terms of price innocuous and product type. In effect, the is declarates income-generating projects which merely the pare intended to be self-sufficient, the rime become no more than charitable the time of a activities subsidised by profits intil not from sales at occasional bazaars. The national handicraft de-

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ket," O'Connor said.

grant for the project.

The Private Enterprise Tech-

nical Resource Assistance (PET-

RA) project, a funding body

aimed at, among other things,

preserving the cultural heritage of

the country and enhancing

women's productivity, has provided the NHF with a JD 125,500

According to PETRA's Direc-

tor Hakam Kheir, the centre

which is to be set up by the

project, will focus on improving

the products themselves if terms

sales as well as providing skills

"A lot of societies go into the handicraft business and suddenly

find that neither can they market

their products properly nor are

their designs up to standard. This

project will coordinate their acti-

vities, prevent duplication and

help in marketing their products," Kheir said. In this sense,

Kheir said, although it is a NHF

activity, the project will assist

every organisation engaged in

umbrella for project implementa-

tion. Trainess at the centre will

acquire production and manage-

ment skills, and ensure that pro-

duction is relevant to the market.

In short, "they will learn to de-

rive an income from producing

marketable products." said

Improving quality

In order to achieve the project

goals, a different concept has to

be developed: 'marketing is not just selling.' Rather, according

to O'Connor, it includes produc-

tion management, quality con-

trol, effective management of raw

materials (guaranteeing sources

of material at low prices), impro-

ving production techniques, and

above all, responding to consum-

assistant representative of the

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), a

development organisation in-

volved in rural and urban

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jects, the national handicrafts de-

velopment project constitutes an

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marketing problem by improving

product quality and organising

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"It is to the benefit of income-

According to Vicky Denman,

The centre is to also serve as an

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The project, it is hoped, will coordinate all handicraft-producsleading me ing activities around the Kingdom, improve the quality of in Jewish a handicrafts to meet market desupplied mand more effectively, and Ere and the public's appreciato the wheel tion of such products.

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More specifically, the project is r technologia to establish a handicraft market-Ella Parliatet ing and development centre to ទេ០៧ ២ មិនជ serve as an outlet for products, high also w including the European and U.S. imeni. or a markets. த் ஏக்ட் आ≲

"We are not creating or perpe-tuating a charity market," said ் கொள்ள David O'Connor, a marketing specialist presently serving as a or evene . consultant for the NHF. Rather, หาเกาเลย "we want the products to be commercially viable and the cening also to tre to be self-sufficient, otherand hearth wise, we will be leading people difficult fall down the wrong path.

Commercial viability

According to O'Connor, who has served as director of Save the Children Federation's (SCF) crafts programmes for the past five years, pricing is the primary te prohibis problem facing the local market at present.

ed is fores The lack of diversity in products is another problem. Small, inexpensive items of good quality are not widely available in the market — one has either to spend JD 20-25 for a pillow case or buy nothing at all.

'We seek to enter the commercial market, and in order to sustain these products we have to be commercially viable," O'Connor

He explained that handicraft projects in Jordan have traditionally followed the "classical school," which is geared mainly towards production as such, but ignores market demands. That, in O'Connor's view, explains why the local market is slow. Women's production has not been linked to the market, which has caused an increase in the inventory and, in turn, a glut in the market.

organisation and among various "We seek to work in the oppoproducer groups. site direction - to start with the generating projects for someone market and work our way backto come in with guidelines and wards towards production so that markets to sell," Denman said in we actually respond to the mar-

With many societies and organisations involved in the production of handicrafts, the market has become glutted with redundant handcrafted items

A Beni Hamida woman earns her living by practising traditional

of quality and design, finding embroidered items. "Societies

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reference to the handicrafts de-

A CRS survey of 30 local

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causing marketing difficulties. The national handicraft development project has been set up to deal with the problem. Rania Atalia reports.

> Mounting an international marketing effort by individual organisation is costly, and would require management control as well as improvements in design and quality, according to the same report.

> In Denman's view, the fact that a large sum of money has already been spent on income-generating activities can either be looked at as a mistake, or, as is the case at present, more resources and expertise can be poured into the on-going projects so that they can "take off" and eventually become

> For that to happen, the international and local markets need to be solidly established as reliable outlets, designs should be improved and quality control should be monitored constantly. Denman contended.

Given the complexity of the issue, O'Connor believes the project can initially only approach groups and individuals who are productive and already engaged in marketing. Eventually, the project will attract additional producers so that it may have "a national impact.

'As the project grows, and our marketing develops, we will pull these organisations in and illustrate how handicrafts can really be a viable business," O'Connor said adding that the Ministry of Social Development is expected to play the role of a coordinating body for producer groups in the handicraft field.

Denman supported that view. She said there exists a group of producers that show promise and potential but lack the necessary marketing and management abilities. "Once the market is established and the guidelines for production are set, it becomes viable for these societies and groups to come in.

In other words, once the market is firmly established, producer groups will have a clearer idea of which products can and cannot be sold in the outside market and what that market demands in terms of quality and quantity. Those who meet the tastes and demands of the international consumers will have more of a guaranteed outlet.

A craftsman's point of view

Edward Habib, a craftsman who has supported his family by doing gold and silver work and selling mainly through the Al Aydi crafts centre for the past 12 years, believes the idea embodied

by the national handicrafts development project could help craftspeople considerably.

"Any party that wants to help support craftspeople in the country should help with the marketing and the promotion of products. They should take products directly from craftsmen and not through middle persons," Habib

Habib used to receive orders for silver and gold pieces through either Al Aydi or through personal contacts. But since 1984, that demand has decreased considerably. He now produces two or three pieces a day, and is con-vinced that he could increase his output by 50-70 per cent if a market is guaranteed for his pro-

"With the potential and abilities I have, I should not be out of work," Habib says, adding that financial difficulties have negatively affected his work. He is unable to buy large sums of gold and silver to produce many pieces because he cannot guarantee those would be sold. Yet he cannot open his own shop because he does not have the capital. "The situation is the same with almost all craftsmen," he

Experience of a crafts centre

Mrs. Wadad Kawar, a member of the Al Aydi crafts centre advisory committee, believes that a centre like Al Aydi would benefit considerably from the national handicrafts development project. She explained that the original idea behind setting up Al Aydi was for the centre to serve as a link between craftspeople and the Industrial Development Bank in order to promote the work of craftspeople and encourage their efforts.

The centre has done a lot to develop a few crafts persons. Many of them started with the centre and grew so much that they started working independently," Kawar says. But, she admits, Al Aydi's weakness lies in its marketing strategy since the centre has no links with the international market. It also lacks design specialists or, perhaps more accurately, "finance advi-sors," to advise the management on the best pricing system for handicrafts.

In that sense, the national handicrafts project could provide the needed expertise in marketing, design and pricing, "There should be a marketing and design guidance centre," she says. By the same token, the project could benefit from the experience of Al Avdi by studying its case and looking closely at what happened during its 14 years of operation so that more can be known about the needs of the craftspeople

Sex change shocks conservative society

By Sara El Gammal Reuter

CAIRO — Many Egyptians snig-ger when the name Sally is mentioned. Others wince at the image it conjures up of a man dressed in vomen's clothes.

Sally Mohammad Abdallah's sex-change operation has sparked controversy and exposed areas of conflict between Islam's religious teachings and modern science. It has also left conservative Egyptian society, unaccustomed to public discussion of sexual issues, uncertain how to cope with the country's first publicised sex-change operation.

Since becoming a woman early this year, 24-year-old Sally has had nothing but trouble. She was expelled from a medic-

al college run by Egypt's highest religious authority, Al Azhar, and later told by the army to perform military service, compulsory for Egyptian men but not for women.

Her doctor, Ezzat Gibraiel, has been barred from practising by the doctors' union, which said he had performed the operation without cause

"This operation is a flagrant violation of religious values, of traditions accepted by the Egyptian and Islamic society, and the profession's medical ethics," said Salem Negm, deputy chairman of the union.

Religious scholars argue that medical practices in this mainly-Muslim country should conform with Islam's principles and reg-ulations. They said Sally had no physical defects and did not need the surgery. "Such operations must not be

performed merely because one personally desires it. There must be clear physical justifications to do so," said a recent ruling by religious authorities.

Psychiatrists and doctors were divided over the ruling.

An unnamed surgeon who wrote to the doctor's union protesting at the operation said cutting off male genitals and making an artificial vagina did not make Sally a woman.

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his book "The Third Sex" esti- growing female tendencies. mated that 2,500 males and 500 females in Egypt needed sex-change operations for psychological reasons.

But Islamic teachings allow such surgery only if a person has hidden male or female organs which cannot be revealed without

Negm said that if Sally had been born with organs of both sexes, the operation would have been acceptable.

Gibraiel, a surgeon for 21 years, told Reuters that Sally had been physically male but psychologically female.

He said Sally could not help behaving like a woman as she was born with a female-oriented

Those people who attack me have not seen the torture people like Sally go through," Gibraiel said. "She was ill, she hated her gender, she could have committed suicide. It was my duty as a

doctor to help. "All she wanted was to live the normal life of the female she felt she was. The operation was a cure. It was not based on a personal whim or desire as some

people say," he added. Asked if it was the first operation of its kind in Egypt, Gibraiel said many had been performed but hushed up. Negm denied this.

Gibraiel said no laws banned the operation, described in medical textbooks used at Egyptian universities. He plans to challenge the union's withdrawal of his licence.

Sally, dressed in flowered trousers and a blue sweater, told Reuters she knocked on Gibraiel's door about seven years ago

Psychiatrist Ahmed Okasha in when she could not cope with

She said she had three years of regular psychiatric help and intensive hormone treatment first with male hormones and later with female ones when she did not respond.

She wore women's clothes for a year as part of an adjustment programme required before

She denied that she had been physically deformed by the op-

eration. "The doctors who treated me saved a doomed person they have added a working member to

this society instead of a useless one," she said.
"I was always depressed as a male. Now, it is the complete opposite. I am very happy and I

know I could find myself more if they leave me alone to get on with my life." But the sex change has baffled bureaucrats. Sally has not been able to transfer to other colleges

to complete her medical degree because officials do not recognise her as a female.

She cannot change the sex on her birth certificate or other documents until a government committee verifies that she is now a woman and not a man.

Sally said the army eventually exempted her from military service, not because they found she was a woman but because she was

not a complete man. "My life has come to a complete standstill ... I am a human being made of flesh and blood, with feelings and nerves. I have been deprived of all my rights as a human being.'

"If this goes on, I will have to leave the country, at least for



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Failure on farm supports spells uncertain future

MONTREAL (AP) — Negotiators' failure to bridge no avail. the deep divide between the United States and the European Community (EC) over agricultural subsidies means an uncertain future for farmers and for the prospects of free trade.

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"We are staring down the bar- failure at Montreal. rel of an all-out agricultural trade predicted Australia's minister of trade negotiations, Michael Duffy.

Other predictions were not as stark, but few were optimistic about the repercussions of the reconcile the two trading giants to

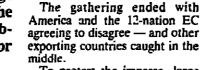
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Ministers from 90 nations, coming together to provide poli-tical backing for an ambitious overhaul of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), sought for six days to



To protest the impasse, large agricultural exporters such as Argentina led a revolt that resulted in a decision to freeze all progress made on other trade matters at the talks until the trading giants reached agreement on subsidies.

A compromise reached in late night caucusing provides for another stab to be made at resolving the firm support debate at an April meeting in Geneva.

In the meantime, the subsidy war between the United States and the Europeans could easily escalate, and other farm expor-

This meeting has been a disappointment," said Duffy. Australia leads the Cairns Group, 13 agricultural exporters from the developed and developing world who do not subsidise their farm exports. The heavy subsidies provided by the United subsidies are getting worse," said chief U.S. negotiator Clayton Yeutter, sum-

States and the EC to their own farmers make it hard for Cairns members to compete. The United States has esti-

mated that farm subsidies worldwide cost governments and taxpayers some \$200 billion a year. U.S. support for its farmers, estimated to number between 300,000 and 2.5 million by differing counts, has dropped fromsome \$27 billion in 1987 to a projected \$13 billion for fiscal

The EC says it would like to reduce subsidies, but cannot eliminate them altogether because of pressure from the rural sector to maintain the small-farm way of life. The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) of the 12 nations is an important component of the

The United States government, under pressure from Congress and its farm constituency, contends that the subsidisation must end once and for all because it distorts international trade.

ming up the Montreal talks. "We have to get to the heart of the problem," he said. Short-term measures such as the freeze on subsidies proposed by the Cairns Group and the EC are not the

answer, he said. One answer threatened by combative members of Congress is to increase farm supports to keep American farmers competitive with their European rivals.

A delegation of senior members of the House and Senate agriculture committees came to Montreal to underscore the threat that authors of a planned 1990 farm would be sorely

Richard Lyng had a similar assessment. "We may need an aggressive export sales policy" to compete, he told reporters after the talks broke down.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary

For the smaller agricultural exporters, the problems of subsidies are even worse. It's a vicious circle: Their farm

exports are unable to compete on world markets and cannot earn sufficient foreign currency to ser- reaped in Geneva.

debts to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. And so the debts mount.

"What we put in one pocket immediately has to go out of the other pocket to pay our credi-tors," said one African negotiator

The poorer countries were also hoping that settlement of the farm subsidy fight would open the door to negotiations on other parts of a proposed farm package, which would include increasing their market access in developing nations. This too fell by the wayside.

Yeutter said he was confident the subsidy problem could be resolved at the April meeting. saying the stakes were too high for failure.

The airing given to the dispute at the talks here will yield "dramatic dividends" at the next session, he predicted.

But mustering the political will to make concessions eluded ministers in Montreal, and there was little indication that what was sown in Montreal could be

cles a year.

Study predicts oil prices to top \$30 during '90s

DALLAS, Texas (AP) — A nomy," Brown said. "But people study by two U.S. Federal Replanning on building big cars in serve Bank (Fed) economists predicts increasing worldwide de-mand for oil will push OPEC Brown and Phillips contend countries to full capacity and prices above \$30 a barrel during the 1990s.

But after adjusting for infla-tion, the higher price level will still amount to only 60 per cent to 80 per cent of the peak price of oil reached in 1981, according to the study by economists Stephen Brown and Keith Phillips of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

The economists predicted that the 1990s will be a decade of slower economic growth in the United States because of higher oil prices.

"It won't be as bad as the '70s where we saw sharp price in-creases that really nailed the ecothe next decade may be headed in

that falling demand for oil in the 1980s has had more to do with the collapse in oil prices than the disarray in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries

Current price levels encourage consumption and discourage the development of alternative resources or conservation efforts. In the next decade, the growth of world economies will continue to spur demand and pressure prices

higher, the economists suggest In the United States alone, Brown and Phillips said, oil consumption will increase between 2.1 per cent and 9.5 per cent

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Japanese companies to quit S. Africa

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> Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. will close its two-man office local offices, said the official, who

apartheid, or racial segregation, in South Africa, a company offi-

Matsushita, whose products are known by the brand names "Panasonic," "Technics," or "National," has exported air conditioners, microwave ovens and video tape recorders and other electronics products through its

trade volume with South Africa. South Africa has been halved in recent years to some 30,000 vehi-Sanyo Electric Co., another major Japanese electronics maker, is considering closing its oneman office in South Africa, a

company official said. Sanyo, which began exporting electronics products to South Africa in 1959, will also cut its trading volume with South Africa

Meanwhile, an official of Nissan Motor Co. said the number of

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Amid fears that Latin Amer-

and political instability, analysts believe there are real prospects for cutting repayments.

Harvard University economist Jeffrey Sachs, writing in Friday's Folha De Sao Paulo newspaper, said that creditor nations had put forward most of the initiatives during the six-year-old debt

"This weekend the Latin American democracies will finalhe able to... affirm a new international leadership on behalf of their disheartened citizens," he

said. "The time has arrived for the Latin American side to present serious, professional and detailed proposals which can be used as a basis for discussions and multilateral negotiations, government to government," he added.

ministry official, Sergio Amaral, told Reuters that the Latin American proposals would be drafted in a cooperative spirit and not one of confrontation." He said the seven debtors -

A senior Brazilian finance

the so-called Rio Club of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico. Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela -have no intention of adopting unilateral measures.

The Rio meeting will open less than a week after the end of the

military revolt in Argentina, which President Raul Alfonsin attributed partly to the nation's economic troubles. But buoyed by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's speech to the United Nations last Wednes-

day. Latin American politicians feel that things are beginning to go their way. Gorbachev said he was prepared to defer debts owed by the poorest countries for 100 years. For other developing countries he suggested reducing debts owed to

a discount. Brazilian Finance Minister Mailson Nobrega has said that unless the debt problem is solved Latin American countries will vote into power politicians who espouse radical solutions.

banks and forming an interna-tional agency to buy back debts at

With a presidential election campaign just beginning in Brazil, influential left-wing parties have called for an end to interest payments on the nation's \$118 billion

Last year, U.S. treasury secret-ary James Baker dismissed a plan by then Brazilian finance minister Luiz Carlos Bresser Pereira to turn part of Brazil's debt into bonds at a deep discount.

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| ı | Bank of Jordan | 765 | 12185 | 15.750 | 15.900 | 5.000 |
| 1 | Arab Bank | 3730 | 504827 | 136.750 | 135.250 | 10.000 |
| | Jordan National Bank | 6600 | 18120 | 2.720 | 2.730 | 1.000 |
| ľ | Jordan Finance House for Development | 48080 | 61655 | 1.310 | 1.250 | 1.000 |
| | Jordan Investment and Finance Corporation | 40523 | 87470 | 2.370 | 2.410 | 1.000 |
| | Finance and Credit Corporation | 113400 | 63929 | 0,560 | 0.570 | 1.000 |
| | National Financial Investments | 4100 | 9154 | 2,350 | 2,240 | 1.000 |
| | National Portfolio Securities | 16766 | 14306 | 0.840 | 0.840 | 1.000 |
| | Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan) | 4500 | 10800 | 2.410 | 2,400 | 1.000 |
| | Jordan Securities Corporation | 12495 | 10757 | 0.850 | 0.870 | 1.000 |
| | Real Estate Financing Corporation | 86 | 1376 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 2.000- |
| | Al Mashrek Exchange | _ | _ | - . | | 10.000 |
| | Insurance and reinsurance | | | | | |
| | Jordan French Insurance | 8857 | 4 77 87 | 5.250 | 5.550 | 1.000 |
| | REFCO Life Insurance | _ | | _ | _ | 1.000 |
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| | Arab Life and Accident Insurance | 445 | 450 | 1.030 | 1.010 | 1.000 |
| | Yarmouk Insurance and Reinsurance | 2850 | 3713 | 1.260 | 1.320 | 1.000 |
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| | Philadelphia Insurance | 2650 | 2839 | 1.030 | 1.100 | 1.000 |
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| H | Arab Union International Insurance | 51 | 50 | 1.030 | 0.980 | 1.000 |
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| | Jordan-Gulf Insurance | | _ | _ | | 1.000 |
| П | General Insurance | _ | - | _ | _ | 1.000 |
| IJ | Jordan Eagle Insurance | _ | - | _ | | 10.000 |
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| 11 | Arab Belgian Insurance and Reinsurance | 259 | 339 | 1.320 | 1.310 | 1.000 |
| H | United Insurance | - | | _ | _ | 1.000 |
| 11 | Universal Insurance | 45325 | 34078 | 0.700 | 0.760 | 1.000 |
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| | Services and industries | | | | | - |
| П | General Investments | 12354 | 18901 | 1.470 | 1.530 | 1.000 |
| 1 | Inma for Investment and Financial Facilities | 13015 | 8345 | 0.640 | 0.650 | 1.000 |
| 11 | Darco for Housing and Investment | 4(12)301 | 114498 | 0.600 | 0.700 | 1.000 |
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| Н | Jordan Leasing Corporation | 3.0000 | | — | _ | 1.000 |
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| ÌΙ | Jordanian Electric Power | 10072 | 19110 | 1 710 | . 750 | 1.000 |
| 11 | Irbid District Electricity | 2500 | 2540 | 1.710 | 1.750 | 1.000 |
| ۱, | Arab International Hotels | | | 1.050 | 1.010 | 1.000 |
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| 11 | Garage Owners Federation Office | 3163 | 14234 | 4.500 | 4.500 | 1.000 |
| П | Jordan National Shipping Lines | 11956 | 11505 | 0.960 | 0.970 | 1.000 |
| Н | Jordan Press Foundation | 1310 | 3836 | 2.950 | 2.900 | 1.000 |
| H | Jordan Press and Publishing | 2500 | 4765 | 2,000 | 1.900 | 1.000 |
| 11 | Dar Al Shaab Press, Printing and Publishing | 28160 | 17510 | 0.620 | 0.620 | 1.000 |
| H | Jordan Dairy | 31010 | 35350 | 1.040 | 1.050 | 1.000 |
| П | Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing | 20072 | 47840 | 2.350 | 2,390 | 1.000 |
| H | Intermediate Petrochemical Industries | 19588 | 26801 | 1.370 | 1.360 | 1.000 |
| ŀ | Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural (Intaj) | 6362 | 24364 | 3.830 | 3.820 | 1.000 |
| [[| Arah Chemical Detergent Industries | 23179 | 30969 | 1.320 | 1.310 | 1.000 |
| H | Jordan Kuwait for Agricultural Products | 649 | 2829 | 4.530 | 4.380 | 1.000 |
| П | Jordan Sweets and Chocolate Manufacturing | | _ | _ | _ | 1,000 |
| Н | Aladdin Industries | 52051 | 71255 | 1.200 | | 1.000 |
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| ll | Jordan Worsted Mills | 220 | 1078 | 4.780 | 2.090 | 1.000 |
| ſΙ | Jordan Ceramics | 18400 | 29805 | 1,610 | 5.000 1.600 | 1.000 1.000 |
| Н | Chemical Industries | 53249 | 109466 | 1.970 | 2.130 | 1.000 |
| 11 | Jordan Industries and Match (JIMCO) | 13250 | 9505 | 0.710 | 0.710 | 1.000 |
| 1 [| Dar Al Dawa' for Development and Investment | 9772 | 21607 | 2.160 | 2.210 | 1.000 |
| ١, | National Steel Industries | 62232 | 183775 | 2.930 | 2.930 | 1.000 |
| 11 | Universal Chemical Industries | 412014 | 83972 | 1.950 | 2.050 | 5.000 |
| П | General Mining Jordan Petroleum Refinery | | ~ | _ | ,, | 1.000 |
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| П | Jordan Lime & Brick National Industries | 14400 | 3034 | 0,220 | 0.210 | 1.000 |
| ۱۱ | Arab Paper Converting and Trading | 77 44. | . – | _ | | 1.000 |
| П | Jordan Wooden Industries (JWICO) | 7348 | 2518 | 0.330 | 0,360 | 1.000 |
| П | Livestock and Poultry | 8956 | 14251 | 1.620 | 1.570 | 1.000 |
| П | Jordan Pipes Manufacturing | 420 | 294 | 0.720 | 0,700 | 1,000 |
| 11 | Rafia Industrial for Plastic Bags | 15388 | 22018 | 1.490 | 1.490 | 1.000 |
| М | Jordan Paper and Cardboard | 250 | 205 | 0.780 | 0.820 | 1.000 |
| H | Jordan Rockwool Industries | 800 | 2868 | 3.600 | 3.600 | 1.000 |
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|] } | Jordan Tanning | 15015 | 12835 | 0.800 | 0.860 | 1,000 |
| П | Jordan Printing and Packaging | _ | _ | _ | | 5.000 |
| Н | Jordan Tobacco and Cigarette | 97 | | | _ | 1,000 |
| 1 | Mas Industries | 83 | 1430 | 16.000 | 17.250 | 1,000 |
| 11 | Arab Center for Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals | _ | - | _ | | 1,000 |
| 11 | National Cable & Wire Manufacturing | 16350 | | _ | _ | 1.000 |
| Н | Jordan Spinning & Weaving | 118676 | 17841 | 1.100 | 1.070 | 1,000 |
| H | Jordan Sulpho Chemicals | 64950 | 115418 | 0.950 | 0.970 | 1,000 |
| H | Jordan Cement Factories | 209996 | 172043 | 2.870 | 2.890 | 1,000 |
| П | Jordan Giass Industries | 10239 | 271983 | 1.520 | 1.280 | 1.000 |
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Batikhi presented Prince Mohammad with his bronze medal in appreciation of His Royal Highness's great role in strengthening and developing the game in the Kingdom, Prince Mohammad then returned the medal to the national representative in

Layden quits Utah Jazz

conservation : SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — ecade the B Frank Layden, his Utah Jazz riding will be ing high atop the NBA's Midwest and press. Friday quit as head and presser ing high atop the track as head division. Friday quit as head conumins a coach in a surprise move he blamed on the intense pressure of Il increase and 95 directing a professional basketball team.

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A tearful Jazz owner Larry Miller made the announcement, saying assistant coach Jerry Sloan will be given a contract to replace Layden as new head coach. Layden's decision came as the

Jazz, 11-6, prepared to take on second-place divisional foe Dallas, 10-6, Friday night in the Salt palace. Miller said Layden, 56. will become the team's president, replacing Dave Checketts, who becomes general manager.

cut on the floor as his coaching prowess, took the Jazz helm seven years ago and compiled a 277-294 record. He cited personal reasons for his resignation.

dog"

"Sometimes in the NBA, you feel like a dog. You age seven sports too seriously, the years in one. The pressure in the dignity," Layden added.

NBA is intense. It's time to have

my time," her told reporters. Layden's tenure as Jazz coach. which began when he took the reins in December 1981, had been the third-longest with an NBA team, behind only Denver's Doug Moe and Pat Riley of Los Angeles.

Lavden, who signed a 10-year contract with Jazz in 1983, has taken the franchise to five straight 500-or-better seasons, five straight playoff berths and in 1984, a Midwest division championship. He was named the NBA's coach of the year in 1984.

Last year's 47-35 mark broke the team's previous season vic-tory mark of 45 wins set in 1983-84, and the Jazz took the Lakers Layden, known as much for his to seven games in the Western sharp wit and the rotund figure he conference semifinals after defeating Portland in the first round of the playoffs.

Layden also said he was quitting partly because of abusive

"I've had people spit on me," 'Sometimes you feel like a he said. 'I had a guy come up to me and say "hit me, hit me I'm a lawyer.

"I think America takes all sports too seriously, there's no

GOREN BRIDGE

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JUST ENOUGH TRUMPS

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The bidding: West South 1 NT 3 0 3 \$ 4 0 Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Opening lead: Four of ©

Many contracts fail because de-

clarer does not draw trumps quickly enough. Far more do not succeed because declarer fails to realize that he needs his trumps for some other In North-South's methods.

purpose. Consider this hand. North's bid of three diamonds over his partner's reverse was game-forcing. Had he wanted to sign off, he would have had to bid two no

trump. South's actions strongly indicated a club void, so North tried to slow down the auction. However, South was quite prepared to try for pect partner to hold the ace of diamonds and queen of spades.

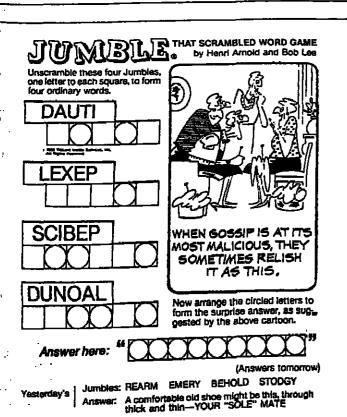
Declarer won the opening trump lead in hand, and it was obvious that his only problem was two po-tential heart losers. The only place to park one of them was on the fourth spade. For that to succeed, declarer would either need to find an even diamond split or else the

also hold at least four spades.

To prepare for both contingencies, at trick two declarer made the farsighted play of leading a low heart from hand. East won and returned a trump, and although West showed out on this trick, declarer was in command. Instead of drawing the last trumps he started run-ning spades, and breathed a sigh of relief when West showed out on the third round. On declarer's last spade one of dummy's hearts was pitched. Ace of hearts and a heart ruff with the trump ace took care of the remaining loser in that suit. Declarer returned to hand with a club ruff to draw the last trump and claim the rest of the tricks.



with gusts of hot air and a 10% chance of a sunny disposition.



SPORTS IN BRIEF

U.S. Grand Prix approved

PARIS (AP) - A United States Grand Prix will be on the 1989 calendar for formula one auto racing, but its location has not been decided, the International Federation of Sport Automobiles (FISA) announced Friday. The World Council approved the 1989 list of 16 events with a United States Grand Prix set for June 4 without specifying where it will be. In October FISA refused the application of Detroit, which held the race last year. FISA said the Detroit circuit needed safety inprovements.

S. Arabia held to draw

DOHA (R) - South Korea advanced to the semi-finals of the ninth Asian Football Cup Friday with a hard-earned 3-2 victory over tournament hosts Qatar. But cup-holders Saudi Arabia could only draw 1-1 with Bahrain and must now beat China to ensure a semi-final berth. The Koreans' victory in group A, their third in a row, boosted their confidence for the semi-final against Iran Sunday. In their group B game against Bahrain, Saudi Arabia were by for the better team but could not convert their pressure into goals. In the last seconds of the first half, their captain Saeh Al Neayma gave away a silly penalty by pushing Ebrahim Essa Ahmed. Bahrain's Fayad Hussein saw his shot blocked by Abdullah Al Dosari but slotted home the rebound. Five Bahrainis were booked and one sent off as they strove to contain a Saudi side going for the equaliser. The Saudis throughout their time had come in the 67th minute when Fahd Mosaibeih was scythed down in the penalty box but Majed Abdullah watched in disbelief as his shot hit the post. Twelve minutes later the Saudis finally got their deserved equaliser when substitute Yousef Al Dosary, at the second attempt, found the space and time to slot the ball home after a defensive mix-up.

Bird recovery ahead of schedule

BROOKLINE (AP) - Larry Bird says his recovery from surgery on both heels is ahead of schedule, but he's not ready to revise the projected mid-March date for his return to the Boston Celtics basketball team. "I'm feeling a lot better and moving a lot better than everybody anticipated," he said. "I have some sorness but I feel really good." Bird had surgery Nov. 19 to remove some spurs that had been irritating his achilles tendons. Team doctor , Arnold Scheller said minutes after performing the operation that he expected Bird to be ready to play in 3½ months to 4 months. "I think I'm ahead of schedule." Bird said in his first news conference since the operation. On Oct. 14. Bird and the Celtics agreed on a two-year contract extension through 1991-92 that would pay him a reported \$4.2 million in each of those years. That hasn't been signed, but the Celtics have said they will honour the

East German soccer coach sacked

EAST BERLIN (R) — The East German Soccer Federation has dismissed national coach Bernd Stange and co-trainer Harald Trmscher following a poor run of results, the main Communist Daily Neues Deutschland reported Friday. The federation's board, which met to discuss East Germany's chances of reaching the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy, appointed Manfred Zapf to replace Stange, who had been in charge for 4½ years. Zapf had been head of club coaches, coordinating the work of all East German clubs and the national team. The federation criticised recent unconvincing performances, particularly the 3-1 defeat by Turkey in their last qualifying match.

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY DEC. 11, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

- As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES:
This harmonious day sets the stage for socializing. A sense of a communal spirit is enjoyed by most.

Communal spirit is enjoyed by most. munal spirit is enjoyed by most. There is a tendency to be over-indulgent and generous with time and resources. Be practical.
ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 191 An

important question is answered.
Consider your career and time invested before contemplating changes, Cooperation abounds.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A sense of color and beauty, along with a need for home improvement,

with a need for home improvement, can have you out on a shopping spree. Check purchases carefully.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A late start may be on the agenda to-day. You pull people together and are charismatic with your mate.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Domestic activities are rewarding and spirited. Discussions arise over a family pet. A trip to the zoo is a possible activity today.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Establish a sensible exercise and health pxogram. Family relations stand on solid ground. Organize shopping lists to avoid a crunch.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You are at the top of the popularity list. A potential romance can be acted

A potential romance can be acted

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up and going. You get organized after a mad race to catch up. Shop-

ping and recreation are pleasant. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
You are irritated over mishandled
money. An emotional flair-up is
easily cooled. Handle personal relationships with trust.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.
21) Your energy remains high even
though it is difficult to get organized. Have others help you. Listen
to worthwhile ideas for activities.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)
Take advantage of harmonious
family fun. Entertaining is appropriate but may become more involved than originally planned.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)
Shopping today will bring you face

AQUARIUS will bring you face to face with unique and unusual gifts. Stay within your means if you find yourself tempted.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You

feel spiritual and filled with joy.
Religious insight is at a high point.
Strong feelings make this a topnotch day in the love department.

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THE Daily Crossword by Stanley B. Whitten ACROSS 1 Calendar abbs 4 Buccaneers' home 9 Copled 13 Orchestre member H Inventor Howe 15 Fruit 16 Violin family member membe 18 Similar 19 Knows unconsciously Diner Snuggle Social classe Spaying stuff Handle Handle Historic Hangsake keepsake "Baked in —" Actor Connery 33 "Baked in 34 Actor Con 35 Sacred im 36 Curi 37 Saize 38 Chaise fly © 1996 Tribune Medis Services, Inc. All Rights Reserved Sa Chase hy balls S9 Formerly 40 Tert man 41 Long time 42 Small group 43 Stone 44 Chased away 46 Butting beast 50 Papeete's land 52 lindamn Saturday's Puzzle Solved: 5 Cierical robes 5 Ma Farrow 7 Dance step 8 imposes a tax 9 Winged 10 Colo. high spot 11 Arab VIP 12 Contradict 13 Norse delty 17 Pale purple 21 ____ loss 52 Undergo tissue degeneration 53 Verve 21 — loss 23 Type of cottage 24 Flavoring 54 Detroit pitcher once 57 Unique 58 Of a location 24 Flavoring plant 28 Libertins 29 Diffy 30 Ascend 31 Reverberate 32 Usurer 33 Golfer Palm 34 Spoke haltingly 36 Doughnut-shaped 40 Animal 58 Ashtabula's waterfront 60 Signa 81 Wary 62 Pluto

Fluffed penalty keeps Norwich in lead

Arsenal suffers goalless draw

play city rivals Everton in a live

The crowd at Norwich of over

Road this season but both sides

Arsenal have now lost two and

drawn two of their last four

games. Norwich, still seeking

bursting too. After losing at

home to West Ham a week ago

they made the short trip to Tot-

tenham and came away empty-

An 18th minute strike from 25

Cyril Regis grabbed a late win-

ner for Coventry when it looked

televised game Sunday.

LONDON (R) — Arsenal missed a hotly disputed, were battling to their 10th draw twice-taken penalty and with it the chance to go top of the English first division Saturday when they were held to a goalless draw at league leaders Norwich.

audience.

handed.

Arsenal's big chance came in pions Liverpool, who are fourth, the 37th minute when Norwich goalkeeper Bryan Gunn tangled with England winger Brian Mar-23,000 was the biggest at Carrow wood after saving a Tony Adams

The penalty decision looked a have struggle of late and neither little harsh but Norwich's protests could find top gear to fire their against the third controversial spot kick they have conceded in their last four matches fell on deaf ears.

Arsenal looked to be on their way as Marwood drove the ball forcefully past Gunn.

But the referee had spotted Arsenal's Michael Thomas ended. straying into the penalty area and ordered it to be taken again. This time, Marwood thrashed

his attempt high into the crowd behind the goal. It was the best incident in an otherwise disappointing game. Norwich stay two points clear.

with unheralded Coventry jumping three places into third place after beating Manchester United 1-0 at home.

Millwall, who started the day in third, lost 2-0 at London neighbours Tottenham, while cham-

of the season. Until Regis scored United had created the best chances but poor finishing enabled Coventry to stay in the match.

The winner came from a piece of trickery by David Speedie on the byline. The Scot dummied a defender and whipped over a cross for Regis to head home from close range.

Newcastle United's new manager Jim Smith got his side off to a magnificent start with only their third win of the season, against fellow strugglers Wimbledon.

their first league win at home The former Queens Park Ransince Oct. 22, travel next Saturgers boss went into the match day to Liverpool where their demanding a win and, inspired by reign at the top may finally be winger John Hendrie, Newcastle responded in style. Millwall's bubble looks to be

After a staggering 588 consecutive minutes of play without a league goal, Newcastle struck after 41 minutes when the ball broke kindly for Hendrie inside the six metre box. The Scot metres by Chris Waddle and a gratefully put away the 50th league goal of his carrer.

61st minute free kick by Paul Gascoigne underlined the differ-Wimbledon drew level five minutes after the interval with a ence in class between the two spectacular overhead kick from

as though Manchester United Bobby Gould's side, but Wimble-

don's deliberate time-wasting tactics backfired when, 10 minutes from time, Hendrie raced half the length of the field to hit a curling shot beyond the despairing Hans

Second-round F.A. Cup

Second-round day in the English Football Association (F.A.) Cup saw non-league Kettering beat third division Bristol Rovers

Other non-leaguers who will find themselves in the draw later Saturday include Sutton, Maidstone, Yeovil and Welling.

In Scotland, Hearts, successful in the UEFA Cup midweek but struggling in the Scottish Premier League, beat leaders Rangers 2-0, both sides having a man sent off in the second half. Five other players were booked in an ugly

In Glasgow a crowd of 45,000 watched the goalless draw between Celtic and Aberdeen, a result which allowed Dundee United to jump two places into second after a 4-1 thrashing of Hibernian.

Rangers stay on 27 points with It was a deserved equaliser for Dundee United and Aberdeen on 25 and Celtic on 24.

TV chess USSR through to women's final spectacular

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MEXICO CITY (R) — Chess luminaries including Anatoly Karpov and Boris Spassky are facing off in a world championship tournament organisers hope will usher in an era of mass popularity for the cerebral sport.

The two former world champions, along with professionals from 65 countries, are taking part in the first world race of active chess which imposes a strict 60minute time limit on matches.

The idea behind active chess is that each player is limited to 30 minutes playing time. If the match is not won outright or through resignation, the loser will be the player who first uses up his 30 minutes.

MELBOURNE (R) - Top seeds backhand between the two Gerthe Soviet Union lived danger- mans in mid-court. The baseline ously before reaching their first

Czechoslovakia Saturday.
The Soviet pair Natalia behind the line. Zvereva and Larissa Savchenko looked on the way out of the semifinal after losing the first set of the deciding doubles 6-1 against Claudia Kohde-Kilsch and Sylvia Hanika.

They turned the tables dramatically in the second set, taking it 6-1 and setting up a thrilling finale on sunlit centre court.

Games went with serve until 5-5 when Kohde-Kilsch served a double fault to set up a break point for the Soviet pair.

A fierce rally on the next point ended with Savchenko drilled a

judge called the shot in despite appeals by Hanika and Kohdefederation cup final against Kilsch that the ball has landed

> Despite Zvereva serving three double faults in the next game. the Soviet Union clinched the match on their second matchpoint to win 1-6, 6-1, 7-5.

Earlier Czechoslovakia reached their fifth Federation Cup final in six years thanks to a Helena Sukova against Canada. quarter-finals.

Sukova demolished Helen Kelesi 6-0, 6-1 in the second singles of the semifinal to take her country into a final against the Soviet Union.

Rakda Zrubakova was less impressive but still too strong for Jill Hetherington in the opening singles, which Zbubakova won 7-6,

(7-3), 3-6, 6-3. The Sukova-Kelesi match had been dubbed as a grudge match and Sukova gained sweet revenge for her defeat by the Canadian in display of near perfect tennis by last year's Federation Cup

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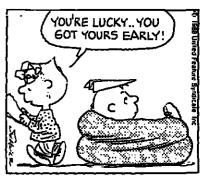
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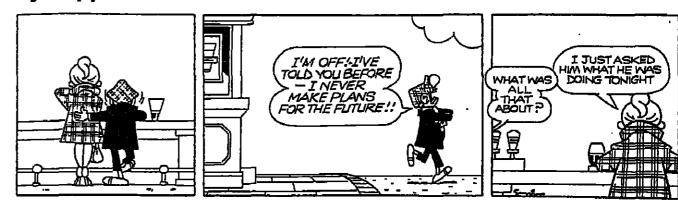




Mutt'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



Violence reported in Lhasa

PEKING (Agencies) — Chinese police opened fire on a pro-independence protest in the Tibetan capital. Lhasa, Saturday, wounding several demonstrators and a Western tourist, eyewitness reports reaching Peking said.

Voice of America radio quoted a Western journalist in Lhasa as saying that the incident crupted when a group of about 30 Tibetans circled the Buddhist Jokhang Temple in the heart of the city, waving the banned flag of Tibetan independence suppor-

There was no official report on the clash. A woman who answered the telephone at the Tibetan autonomous region office in Peking said all the officials had gone home for the day, and efforts to reach government offices in Lhasa were not immediately successful.

The demonstration occurred before noon in front of the Jokhang Temple, one of Tibetan Buddhism's holiest shrines, the reports said.

Tibetan Buddhist monks have led a series of anti-Chinese protests in the past 18 months, beginning in late September 1987. At least 14 people were killed Oct. 1. 1987, when one protest turned into a mass attack on a local police station.

In March, pro-independence Tibetans clashed again with police and Western travellers quoted Tibetans as saying at least 24 people died. Chinese reports said hundreds were arrested in October and March.

"About 30 Tibetans walked into the marketplace near the temple, said Lucia Dezries, of URK, the Netherlands. "They where walking in twos. The first man was holding a Tibetan flag. A crowd in the marketplace began to encourage them. Then the soldiers began shooting."

The crowd began pelting the soldiers with rocks, but it was not clear which came first, the rockthrowing or the shooting, she

Dezries said a 25-year-old woman, also from the Netherlands, was shot in the arm by Chinese forces.

By Lee Siegel

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Experi-

ments suggesting the universe is

ruled by more than four fun-

damental forces of nature may be

fatally flawed, say researchers

who now question their own evi-

dence for fifth and sixth forces

that slightly counteract and boost

statements they made last July

when they reported strong evi-

dence suggesting Sir Isaac Newton's 301-year-old Law of Gravity

was wrong. Now they say the

That's because their measure-

ments of gravity inside a drill hole

in Greenland's ice sheet could

have been flawed by variations in

the density of rock beneath the

ice, said the researchers from Los

Alamos National Laboratory in

New Mexico, Scripps Institution

of Oceanography in La Jolla,

California, and A-T-and-T Bell

A new analysis of the Green-

land study shows "our results do

not need new forces of nature,"

and can be explained by the

existing law of gravity, Robert

Laboratories in New Jersey.

evidence is inconclusive.

The scientists backtracked on

gravity.

"She is in the hospital and I think is not seriously hurt," the woman said.

She said she saw two Tibetans lying in pools of blood. Later two Westerners told me

that they had died," she said. A Tibetan worker at another hotel said he had also seen two Tibetans bleeding in the market-

"I saw women carrying their bodies," he said. "I have been told they are dead." An American tourist, con-

tacted at another hotel, also said she witnessed the demonstration. She declined to give her name. The deaths could not be inde-

pendently confirmed. China's ruling Communist Party has repeatedly said it will not

grant Tibet independence, saying the region has belonged to China for centuries. Most reporters are barred from

Tibet but foreign tourists are still allowed in, mostly in officially organised tour groups.
Foreign sources in Lhasa say a

threat by some monks to boycott the Great Prayer festival in protest against the jailing without trial of about 30 monks and nuns is another source of friction beween the authorities and the three main monasteries.

The festival, due to begin in late February, attracts tens of thousands of pilgrims.

China said this week it had appointed a new Communist Parleader in Tibet but it was not clear whether Hu Jintao, formerly Guizhou province party secretary, has yet arrived in Lhasa.

Police in Lhasa contacted by telex later Saturday confirmed that a demonstration had taken place but declined to give any further details.

China's official media did not mention the incident Saturday but state radio confirmed Hu Jintao's appointment as Communist Party secretary in Tibet.

Scripps, said Wednesday during

the American Geophysical Un-

One critic took a stronger

"There are only four forces in

Scientists believed for decades

that there were only four fun-

damental forces that govern the

behaviour of all matter in the

universe. They are gravity: elec-

tromagnetism — which creates

light — electricity, radio waves and microwaves — the strong force, which holds the center of

atoms together — and the weak

force, which lets some atoms de-

But in 1986, an analysis by

Purdue University physicist

Ephraim Fishbach suggested the

existence of a very weak "fifth force" that slightly counteracts

gravity over distances of roughly

10 to 1,000 metres. The theory

gained support from gravity

measurements made at varying

depths inside a mine shaft by

Frank Stacey of the University of

Oueensland, Australia.

nature. Read my lips. No new forces." said Los Alamos physi-

ion's fall meeting.

cist Richard Hughes.

cay radioactively.

New doubts cast on 'fifth and sixth' forces



Argentine army rebel leader Mohammad Ali Seineldin embraces a follower at a farewell

ceremony at the Villa Martelli army base where

Army general given the sack in post-rebellion Argentine moves

general who refused to send his brigade against rebel troops was retired Friday, and rebels

Third Army Corps, will be replaced by Colonel

the four-day insurrection - which began before not fight rebel commander Col. Mohammad Ali Scineldin because they agreed with his demands. The rebellion was the third and most serious so

far against the government of President Raul The 4th Infantry Paratroop Brigade, based in the western city of Cordoba, is the most impor-

tant combat unit at the Third Army Corps. The 47.000-man army has four corps. A Defence Ministry spokesman declined to

ment and his refusal to confront the rebels. 500 troops and three army units - the infantry

school at the Campo de Mayo base and an

Parker, a team member from ments made on a North Carolina the new forces are real.

metres apart.

television tower and in the

Greenland ice hole also suggested

different than gravity but gave a

1.5 per cent to four per cent boost

to gravity's attraction between

objects that were 500 to 1,700

The mine, tower and ice stu-dies all found slight deviations

from Newton's Law, which says

the gravitational attraction be-

tween the two objects decreases

with the square of the distance

between them. For example,

when two objects that were 30

centimetres apart are moved 60

centimetres apart, the gravity

they exert on each other should

become only one-fourth as

The three studies' failure to

consider variations in rock densi-

ties means that "as yet there's no

convincing evidence" for a fifth

or sixth force of nature. Parker

Oceanographer Alan Chave, of A-T-and-T Bell Labs, said plan-

ned gravity measurements at

varying levels within the ocean

should avoid that problems and

secretly commit the government to any course of

organise the march Friday.

The point is, the central point is, the military does not respond to civilian political power. The inability of the government to develop solutions

U.S. senators demand **Botha policy changes**

ing U.S. senators sharply criticised President P.W. Botha restrictions without criminal Saturday and warned of a serious charges being made, unless redeterioration in relations unless versed, will lead to a serious his government reverses its poli- deterioration of U.S.-South Afri-

David Boren said he and fellow South Africa when they met Botha last Tuesday.

"The state president deeply talk only about the past, by recriabout the future... "I found the attitude reflected

by the state president to be one that would encourage further constructive dialogue," a clearly Africa. angry Boren told a news confer-Botha, 72, is well known for his

quick temper and for his rejection of what he sees as foreign in-

Nunn and Boren voiced alarm possible release. at the jailing of leading black "He (Botha) activists this week in the Delmas treason trial and at restrictions imposed on anti-apartheid groups. The government seemed "We believe that the policy said.

SEOUL (AP) - Protesters de-

police with firebombs and rocks

Saturday in the city centre after

being blocked from marching to

Thousands of terrified people,

many out for Christmas shop-

ping, ran for cover as hundreds of

riot police and protesters battled

in the main shopping district. Authorities deployed 9,000 riot

police to block the march by

about 2,000 radical students and

Demonstrators demanded the

ouster of Roh and the arrest of

former President Chun Doo-

Hwan, charging human rights

abuses and corruption under

Chun's authoritarian rule. Dissi-

dent leaders announced at a rally

at Myongdong cathedral the

formation of a new radical alliance to try and topple Roh.

the presidential palace.

dissidents.

CAPE TOWN (R) - Two visit- direction reflected by the Delmas can relations," the senators said in a statement.

Democratic Scnator Sam Nunn
Four leading anti-apartheid had hoped to discuss ways of activists were jailed for between improving U.S. relations with six and 12 years for treason this week after the longest trial in South African history.

Boren and Nunn, chairmen of disappointed us by wanting to key Senate committees, met more than 50 government minisminating about the past... he did ters. anti-apartheid activists. not give us an adequate oppor- trade unionists and businessmen tunity to have a real discussion during a week-long fact-finding

They leave Sunday for Zaire where they will hold talks with President Mobutu Sese Seko sanctions by the United States focusing on U.S.-mediated peace rather than inviting us to have a negotiations in southwestern

Boren said the senators had asked Botha for a meeting with jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, who was this week moved to a house in a terference in South Africa's prison compound in what was widely seen as a step towards his

"He (Botha) gave us a very rapid answer: 'no, you're not'. Boren said.

Botha gave no clear indication whether Mandela, jailed for life intent on narrowing the range for in 1964 for plotting to overthrow non-violent opposition, they said. white rule, would be freed. Boren

"Arrest Chun Doo-Hwan.

Riot police in green combat

fatigues and visored helmets

blocked marchers with shields as

they tried to march from the

cathedral to the presidential

palace. Students with iron bars

attacked police, but were driven

Hundreds of protesters then

regrouped several blocks away in

a shopping district. Students attacked riot police with fire-

bombs and smashed sidewalk

paving stones, apparently plan-

ning to throw them. A small

group of police was surrounded

and beaten to the ground by

screaming protesters.
Police had no figures on arrests

or injuries, but officers and de-

monstrators were seen with blood

pouring from head wounds and

other injuries.

off with teargas grenades.

Freedom for 7 lobsters at \$240

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anin al rights activists spent \$240 kg. day to buy seven live lobsten from a suburban Maryland restaurant and fly them to a new home off the coast of Maine. Cam McQueen of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals picked up the lobsters from the House of Chinese Gourmet in Rockville, Maryland, took then to Washington national aupon and boarded a flight to Portland Maine, a Peta official said.

Encyclopaedia on a pin-head

LONDON (R) - Scientists have developed an electron beam which can produce letters small enough to write the entire 29 volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica on the head of a pin. An electron microscope at the University of Liverpool transmits a beam of highly-charged subatomic particles capable of drill ing millions of ultra-fine holes through certain materials.

'Divine' call for **Stevie Wonder**

DETROIT (AP) - Pop Singer Stevie Wonder says he is being called by God to seek Detroit's highest office. Wonder, who apparently is not planning to seek the office held by Coleman Young in the 1989 election, says he is serious about running for mayor in the 1990s.

Jewelry heist on camera

NEWPORT BEACH, California (AP) — An impatient gunman helped store clerks scoop more than \$560,000 worth of jewels into his shopping bag, police said. But store security cameras recorded the robber as he waited until customers had left the jewelry section of the Neiman-Marcis department store before making his move, police spokesman Bob Okaley said. He forced two clerks at gunpoint to fill a shopping bag with jewelry. "When they we ren't doing it fast enough for him. he reached over the counter. grabbed a rack and emptied it himself," Oakley said.

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BUENOS AIRES (AP) - In the first army arsenal, both near Buenos Aires; and the Sixth shakeup since last week's military insurrection, a kilometres to the west. The army major who took over the Mercedes

formally turned over their last outpost.

Several hundred people marched in the Plaza de Mayo in front of government house to show their opposition to demands made by the rebels. including an amnesty for officers prosecuted for human rights abuses committed during the 1976-83 dictatorship.
General Adolfo Patricio Etcheun, commander

of the 4th Infantry Paratroop Brigade of the Francisco Salas, the government news agency Telem reported.

Etcheun had issued a statement at the height of dawn Dec. 1 - saying he and his troops would

comment on any link between Etcheun's retire-

Seineldin received open support from about

there was a "sixth force" that was and stars, as well as the universe's

Mechanised Infantry regiment at Mercedes, 100

base, Hugo Avete, was detained Friday and taken without resistance to the same military garrison in Buenos Aires where Seineldin was being held, Telem reported. Avete said after Seineldin's surrender last Sunday evening that he would turn the base over.

Gen. Humberto Ferrucci, commander of the Fifth Army Corps, arrived Friday and installed Lt.-Col. Don Carlos Antonio Mina as unit chief, the private agency Noticias-Argentinas reported. Rebels demanded an end to the prosecution of officers for human rights abuses committed during the eradication of subversion during the

ments and promotions, and a bigger military Alfonsin said he recognised the legitimacy of some of the rebel demands, particularly the effects of budget cutbacks. But he has insisted their surrender was unconditional and he did not

1976-83 dictatorship, a host of military retire-

Adolfo Perez Esquivel, director of the human rights group Service for Peace and Justice and winner of the 1980 Nobel Peace Prize, helped

is another central issue," Perez Esquivel said.

THE Sunday Crossword

Anti-Chun protests

flare anew in Seoul

manding the overthrow of Presi- Overthrow Roh Tae-Woo," pro-

dent Roh Tac-Woo battled riot testers chanted.

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verged into separate forces and

mass and age, would have to be recalculated," the Geophysical Union said in a news release. Such forces also would change scientists' understanding of "the

a gargantuan explosion called the "big bang." said Los Alamos physicist Mike Nieto. Physicists believe that before the big bang, the four known forces existed as a single, "unified" force, but that in the explosion, they instantaneously di-

evolution of the universe in its

earliest stages" after it formed in

If the fifth and sixth forces

exist, "the masses of the planets

The ultimate goal of modern physics is to find an elegant "theory of everything" that explains all the forces and all the matter that make up the universe, and how they evolved from the unified force.

matter came into being.

The discovery of distinct fifth and sixth forces could contribute to finding such a theory by helping physicists explain how gravity is a manifestation of the original Subsequent gravity measure- settle the debate over whether unified force.

THEY'RE OFF! By Harold B. Counts

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Last Week's Cryptograms

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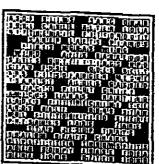
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WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

'U.S. spy satellite had initial trouble'

NEW YORK (AP) — The solar panels on the secret spy satellite launched by the shuttle Atlantis failed to swing open the first time ground controllers commanded them to, and air force officials briefly feared the mission might fail, an industry magazine reports. But, with two astronauts standing by to take a spacewalk if necessary, a second set of radio commands freed the panels, and the satellite was successfully deployed high over the Soviet Union. Aviation Week and Space Technology reported in its Dec. 12 issue.

Rocard government survives vote

PARIS (AP) - Socialist Premier Michel Rocard's minority government survived its first National Assembly censure vote early Saturday when communist members refused to back the conservative opposition. Only 258 members — all members of the rightist or centre-right parties - voted for the censure motion. Under the French constitution the government is forced to resign on a censure motion only if an absolute majority of the 571-member chamber votes for it, not just a majority of those voting. Only votes in favour are recorded, not abstentions or votes against.

New director-general for TASS

MOSCOW (AP) — The government has appointed Leonid Kravchenko as the new director-general of TASS, the official news agency reported Friday. Kravchenko, 50, replaces Sergei Losev, who died suddenly at the age of 61 in October this year.

'KGB ring broken in West Berlin'

COLOGNE (AP) - Federal police and Western intelligence agencies have broken an espionage ring that was supplying NATO secrets to the Soviet Union, the Cologne Express said Saturday. West Berlin Justice Department spokesman Detley Achammer confirmed that "three people are being investigated for suspicion of espionage." He said one was taken into custody for interrogation Friday, and that a warrant is out for another. He refused to give further details.

Bangladesh foreign minister resigns

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh Foreign Minister Humayun Rasheed Choudhury, president of the United Nations General Assembly in 1987, resigned Saturday. A presidential aide said Choudhury, 64. foreign minister for five years, resigned on health grounds and his resignation had been accepted by President Hossain Mohammad

Soviet-French space mission progresses

MOSCOW (AP) - After frustrating delays, French and Soviet cosmonauts succeeded Friday in unfurling a plastic web to test space construction techniques outside the orbiting space station Mir. Soviet media reported. Jean-Loup Chretien and Alexander Volkov began their spacewalk at 0857 GMT. They had been scheduled to complete it in four hours, 20 minutes, the TASS news agency said. But they had several problems, and the spacewalk

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